



Coronavirus Update

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COVID-19 vaccine update

Three COVID-19 vaccines are currently authorized or approved for use in the U.S. to prevent COVID-19 infection (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson). The CDC states that the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 mRNA vaccines are preferred, and that you may receive the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine in some situations.

	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	Johnson & Johnson
Brand name	Comirnaty	-	-
Type of vaccine	mRNA	mRNA	Viral vector
Ages recommended	5+ years old	18+ years old	18+ years old
Primary vaccination series	2 doses, given 3 weeks apart	2 doses, given 4 weeks apart	1 dose
When fully vaccinated	2 weeks after second dose	2 weeks after second dose	2 weeks after first dose
Booster doses	The CDC recommends booster shots at 5 months after the completion of the primary vaccination series of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. For adults 18+ years old, a booster dose of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna is preferred in most situations. For adolescents aged 12-17, only the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and recommended.	People 18+ years old who received a Moderna primary series should get a booster shot at least 6 months after completing their primary series, and may receive any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the U.S.	Everyone 18+ years old should get a booster dose of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine at least 2 months after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in most situations.
Special situations	For some immunocompromised children 5-11 years old, the CDC recommends an additional dose of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to complete the primary series – a total of three doses.	Moderately or severely immunocompromised people should get an additional primary shot (third dose) at least 4 weeks after their second shot.	People who developed thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome after their initial Johnson & Johnson vaccine should get either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine as their booster dose.

The latest COVID-19 vaccine information can always be obtained on the [CDC website](#).

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