







# Clinical Considerations

## Second COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose

Everyone ages 12 years and older **should** get a booster when they are eligible. Some people **may** get a second booster dose.

The following information may be helpful when you discuss a second COVID-19 vaccine booster dose with patients.

<p><b>Who is eligible:</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People 50 years of age and older, regardless of health status</li><li>• People 12 years of age and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised</li><li>• People 18 years of age and older who received 2 doses of Janssen vaccine</li></ul>
<p><b>Who might consider getting a 2nd booster dose now:</b></p> 	<p>Among people who meet the criteria for eligibility (listed above; "who is eligible"), clinical considerations for getting the dose now include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People with underlying medical conditions that increase the risk of severe COVID-19 disease<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Providers caring for people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may take into consideration the patient's degree of immunosuppression, as well as timing (e.g., initiation or resumption of immunosuppressive therapies)</li></ul></li><li>• People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised</li><li>• People who live with someone who is immunocompromised, at increased risk for severe disease, or who cannot be vaccinated due to age or contraindication</li><li>• People at increased risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2, such as through occupational, institutional, or other activities (e.g., travel, large gatherings)</li><li>• People who live or work in or near an area where the COVID-19 community level is medium or high or are traveling to such an area</li></ul>
<p><b>Who might consider waiting to receive a 2nd booster dose:</b></p> 	<p>Among people who meet the criteria for eligibility (listed above; "who is eligible"), clinical considerations for getting the dose later include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People who have had a SARS-CoV-2 infection within the last 3 months</li><li>• People who may be hesitant about getting another recommended booster dose in the future, as a booster dose may be more important in the fall and/or if a variant-specific vaccine is needed</li></ul>
<p><b>If you vaccinate:</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Separate the 2nd booster dose from the previous dose by at least 4 months.</li><li>• Only Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine products can be administered for the 2nd booster dose.</li><li>• Age indications and dosage (amount injected) vary by product.</li><li>• Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine booster dose: Can be administered to people ages 12 years and older. The correct dosage is 0.3 mL</li><li>• Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine booster dose can be administered to people ages 18 years and older. The correct dosage is 0.25 mL.</li></ul>

### CDC References and Resources:

COVID-19 by County: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html)  
Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Approved or Authorized in the United States: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html)  
Interim COVID-19 Immunization Schedule for Ages 5 Years and Older: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-immunization-schedule-ages-5yrs-older.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-immunization-schedule-ages-5yrs-older.pdf)  
People with Certain Medical Conditions [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html)  
U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/index.html)

