

DPHHS HAN

Information Sheet



DATE

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SUBJECT

CDC recommends booster dose for all adults aged 18 and older

BACKGROUND

On November 19, 2021, the CDC's independent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended a booster shot for all adults who received an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) as their primary vaccine series.

The following recipients of an mRNA primary series **should** receive a single COVID-19 booster dose (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Janssen) at least 6 months after completion of the primary series:

- People aged 50 years and older
- Residents aged 18 years and older in long-term care settings

The following recipients of an mRNA primary series **may** receive a single COVID-19 booster dose (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Janssen) at least 6 months after completing their primary series based on their individual benefits and risks:

- All other persons aged 18 years and older

Additional eligibility information

Pregnant people can receive any of the currently FDA-approved or FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines as a booster dose.

Immunocompromised people aged ≥ 18 years who received a 2-dose mRNA primary series and an additional primary dose (3 total mRNA COVID-19 vaccine doses) are eligible for a single COVID-19 booster dose (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Janssen) at least 6 months after completing their third mRNA vaccine dose.

For people who received a primary dose of J&J (Janssen) vaccine, the recommendations have not changed. Anyone aged 18+ who is two months past their initial date of vaccination is eligible for a booster dose regardless of underlying condition. People administering these doses should double check the initial date of vaccination to ensure proper spacing between doses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Healthcare Providers:

- Healthcare providers should recommend a COVID-19 booster shot to any adult who completed their primary mRNA vaccine series six months ago.
- Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may prefer the vaccine type that they originally received and others, may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.
- Healthcare providers should confirm that the person is six months out from the completion of their second dose of mRNA vaccine.

- Recommendations for Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen COVID-19 vaccine remain the same: Everyone 18 years and older who received a J&J/Janssen vaccine at least two months ago should get a booster shot.
- Note: All healthcare providers should continue to encourage all eligible Montanans age 12+ (and parents or guardians when a minor) to receive a primary series of COVID-19 vaccine.
- This season’s flu vaccine is currently available and can be co-administered with the COVID-19 vaccine.

Review the updated CDC [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#)

Review the updated [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering the Vaccine \(Vaccination Providers\)](#).

Review the updated [Johnson & Johnson \(Janssen\) Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering the Vaccine \(Vaccination Providers\)](#)

Review the updated [Moderna Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering the Vaccine \(Vaccination Providers\)](#)

Local Health Jurisdictions

- Continue to work with local vaccine providers to deliver and administer safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines in your community.
- Administer a booster dose of vaccine to adults who completed their primary series of mRNA vaccine 6 months ago or longer
- Administer booster doses of vaccine to any recipient of Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine that is 18 years or older and completed their first dose 60 days ago or more.
- The date of last vaccine should be verified to ensure that the individual completed their second dose 6 months prior to receipt of their booster dose for mRNA recipients and 2 months prior to receipt of the booster dose for J&J (Janssen) recipients.

Please share this HAN with relevant partners at your discretion.

Additional Resources:

Updated [CDC booster page](#)

[Montana DPHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Availability and Resources in Montana](#)

Referenced Links

1. Booster page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>
2. Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering the Vaccine (Vaccination Providers). <https://www.fda.gov/media/144413/download>
3. Review the updated Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering the Vaccine (Vaccination Providers). <https://www.fda.gov/media/146304/download>
4. Review the updated Moderna Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering the Vaccine (Vaccination Providers). <https://www.fda.gov/media/144637/download>
5. Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html>
6. Montana DPHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Availability and Resources in Montana. <https://dphhs.mt.gov/covid19vaccine/>