







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.

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| <p>Who is eligible:</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People 50 years of age and older, regardless of health status• People 12 years of age and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised• People 18 years of age and older who received 2 doses of Janssen vaccine |
| <p>Who might consider getting a 2nd booster dose now:</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">• People with underlying medical conditions that increase the risk of severe COVID-19 disease<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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)• People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised• People who live with someone who is immunocompromised, at increased risk for severe disease, or who cannot be vaccinated due to age or contraindication• People at increased risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2, such as through occupational, institutional, or other activities (e.g., travel, large gatherings)• 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 |
| <p>Who might consider waiting to receive a 2nd booster dose:</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">• People who have had a SARS-CoV-2 infection within the last 3 months• 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 |
| <p>If you vaccinate:</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Separate the 2nd booster dose from the previous dose by at least 4 months.• Only Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine products can be administered for the 2nd booster dose.• Age indications and dosage (amount injected) vary by product.• Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine booster dose: Can be administered to people ages 12 years and older. The correct dosage is 0.3 mL• Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine booster dose can be administered to people ages 18 years and older. The correct dosage is 0.25 mL. |

CDC References and Resources:

COVID-19 by County: 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
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
People with Certain Medical Conditions: 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

