



COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Guide for PCPs

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This guide is designed to assist you with identifying eligible populations for COVID-19 vaccine boosters, timing of eligibility, and how to provide eligible patients with booster doses.

Quick Links:

[CDC Updated Booster Recommendations - Clinical Preference \(12/16/2021\)](#)

[CDC Clinical Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccines \(1/6/2022\)](#)

[CDC Recommendations on COVID-19 Boosters \(1/7/2022\)](#)

[AMA COVID-19 Vaccine CPT Codes](#)

If you received:	Who should get a booster?	When to get a booster?	Which booster can you get?
Pfizer	Everyone that is 12 years and older	At least five months after completing the primary series	Pfizer or Moderna are recommended over J&J NOTE: Individuals that are between the ages of 12-17 are only eligible for the Pfizer booster
Moderna	Adults that are 18 years and older	At least five months after completing the primary series	Pfizer or Moderna are recommended over J&J
J&J	Adults that are 18 years and older	At least two months after completing the initial injection	Pfizer or Moderna are recommended over J&J

PFIZER

The CDC now recommends a booster injection for *all individuals 12+* that have previously obtained the Pfizer COVID-19 primary series



Individuals are eligible for a booster injection [five months](#) after completing the primary series



[Pfizer Storage and Handling Guide Link](#)

MODERNA

The CDC now recommends a booster injection for *all individuals 18+* that have previously obtained the Moderna COVID-19 primary series



Individuals are eligible for a booster injection [five months](#) after completing the primary series



[Moderna Storage and Handling Guide Link](#)



The Moderna booster is a [half dose](#)

**Third doses for immunocompromised patients are still a full dose*

**[Note: Moderna vials cannot be punctured more than 20 times](#)*

J & J

NOTE: *The CDC has updated its recommendations and now indicates a **clinical preference for Pfizer and Moderna**. More information can be found [here](#).*

The CDC now recommends a booster injection for *all individuals 18+* that have previously obtained the J & J COVID-19 injection



Individuals are eligible for a booster injection [two months](#) after the initial injection



[J&J Storage and Handling Guide Link](#)

Boosters: Mixing and Matching

The CDC has now advised that booster doses can be a different vaccine type than the primary series for all individuals 18+.

NOTE: All Moderna boosters are [half doses](#), regardless of the individual's primary vaccine type.

Co-Administration of Vaccines

Reminder: The CDC has authorized co-administration of COVID-19 vaccines with other vaccines, such as the seasonal influenza vaccine.

If multiple vaccines are administered in one visit, it is recommended that each vaccine is administered in a different injection site. Other best practices for co-administration include:

- Label each syringe with the name and the dosage (amount) of the vaccine, lot number, the initials of the preparer, and the exact beyond-use time, if applicable.
- Separate injection sites by 1 inch or more, if possible.

Ordering Reminders

COVID-19 vaccine ordering occurs via ImmuNet on Thursdays between 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Moving forward, Moderna shipments will include ancillary kits and supplies that can support full doses and half doses.

NOTE: For any questions or issues regarding orders please view the [ImmuNet Ordering Guide](#) or contact mdh.covidvax@maryland.gov.

Reminders for Immunocompromised Individuals

This is a reminder that the CDC recommends moderately to severe immunocompromised individuals that have previously obtained two doses of Pfizer or Moderna now obtain a third dose of that same vaccine. This is considered a third dose. See FAQs for additional dose information for this population.

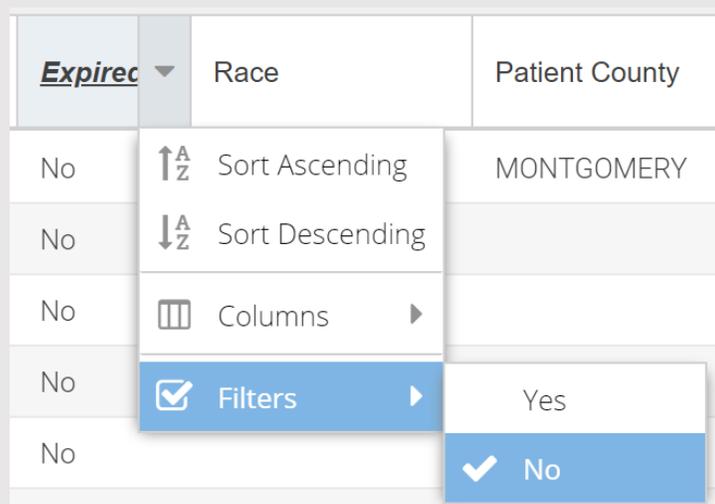
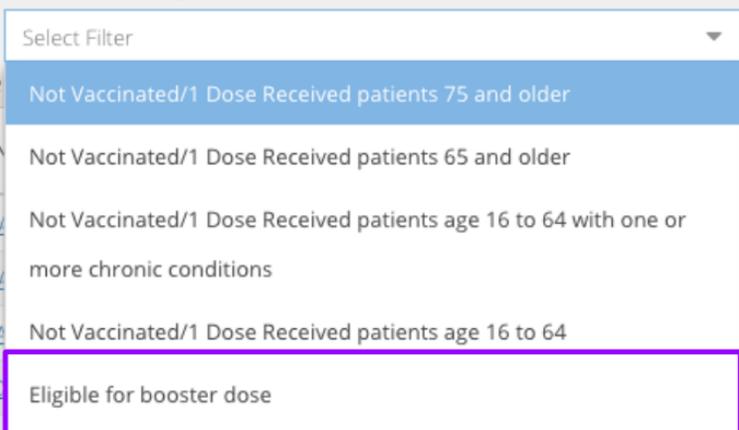


Individuals are eligible for this third dose no earlier than 28 days after the second dose

CRISP Vaccine Tracker Booster Filter

This pre-built filter in the CRISP Vaccine Tracker will quickly capture a list of your patients eligible and overdue for a booster. Use this to outreach to your patients.

- 1) Go to the CRISP Vaccine Tracker at <https://vacctrac.crisphealth.org/>
- 2) Log into your CRISP Reporting Services account using your CRS username and password
- 3) Click on "Patient Navigator" on the left hand side navigation bar
- 4) Filter to only show patients that are eligible for boosters by clicking the dropdown arrow next to the Vaccine Status column, hovering over "Filters" and clicking "Eligible for booster dose"
- 5) Filter to exclude patients who are deceased by: scrolling to the right to find the "Expired?" column, clicking the dropdown arrow, hovering over "Filters", and clicking "No"
- 6) Click "Excel Export" at the top of the report



FAQs

Can all individuals eligible for a booster obtain a booster different from their initial vaccine?

- Individuals that are 18 and older are recommended to obtain a Pfizer or Moderna booster, and heterologous dosing is allowable. Individuals that are between the ages of 12 and 18 are only eligible for a Pfizer booster dose.

Should immunocompromised individuals obtain a booster dose in addition to their third dose?

- Immunocompromised individuals that originally obtained Pfizer or Moderna are eligible for a booster five months after their third dose. Additional information can be found [here](#).

If an individual received Pfizer or J&J initially and seeks Moderna for a booster injection, what is the correct dosage for that Moderna booster?

- The Moderna booster is a half dose regardless of what the individual obtained for their primary injection series.

If a patient obtains a booster that is different from their primary series, what CPT code should be used?

- The booster code for the booster vaccine type should be used. For example, a patient that obtains Moderna for doses 1 and 2 and Pfizer for the booster, the correct code would be the Pfizer booster CPT code.

What is the recommendation for individuals that obtained J&J for their initial COVID-19 vaccine?

- If it has been two months or longer since their initial dose, then the individual should obtain a [Pfizer or Moderna booster](#).

What is the recommendation for individuals that obtained J&J for their COVID-19 vaccine booster dose?

- This individual is considered boosted and is not advised to get more than 1 booster dose at this time.
- Additional information on the J&J vaccine can be found on the [CDC website here](#).

Resources

- [AMA COVID-19 Vaccine Billing Codes](#) (regularly updated)
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs](#)
- [CDC FAQs on Third Doses and FAQs on Booster Doses](#)
- Moderna [letter to vaccine providers](#)