

COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

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Changes to the document from the previous version are highlighted in yellow.

Effective Immediately: Iowa healthcare providers may begin administering a single booster dose of Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to anyone 18 years and older

IMPORTANT/NEW COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- ACIP Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters
- Top priority should be continued vaccination of unvaccinated individuals

ACIP Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Boosters in Persons with a Complete mRNA Series

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) expanded recommendations for booster shots to now include all adults ages 18 years and older who received a primary mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna). In addition, ACIP updated recommendations for the groups who *should* receive a booster dose at least six months after completing the primary mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series to include:

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

The FDA amended the emergency use authorizations (EUA) for both the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines authorizing use of a single booster dose for all individuals 18 years of age and older after completion of primary vaccination with any FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine. **Top priority should be continued vaccination of unvaccinated individuals.**

Effective immediately, CDC recommends:

- Persons who *should* receive a COVID-19 booster dose:
 - Ages 50 years and older who received an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine primary series
 - Aged ≥ 18 years and reside in long-term care settings who received an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine primary series
- Persons who *may* receive a COVID-19 booster dose:
 - Ages **18 years and older** who received an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine primary series based on **individual benefit and risk**, at least 6 months after primary series, under the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization

COVID-19 vaccine booster dose in persons who received a Janssen COVID-19 vaccine primary dose

- Persons aged ≥ 18 years who received primary vaccination with Janssen COVID-19 vaccine should receive a single COVID-19 vaccine booster dose at least 2 months later.

Recommendations for Booster Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine

<p>IF YOU RECEIVED Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna</p> <hr/> <p>You should get a booster if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages 50 years and older • Ages 18 years and older and live in a long-term care setting <p>You may get a booster if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages 18 years and older <p>When to get a booster: At least 6 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series</p> <p>Which booster should you get? Any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States</p>	<p>IF YOU RECEIVED Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen</p> <hr/> <p>You should get a booster if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 years or older <p>When to get a booster: At least 2 months after your shot.</p> <p>Which booster should you get? Any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States can be used for the booster dose.</p>
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Any FDA-approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Janssen) can be used for booster dose, regardless of vaccine received for primary series.

Additional Resources:

- [Updated Interim Clinical Considerations](#)
- [Booster webpage](#) for the public
- [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained](#)
- [News Release: FDA Authorizes Booster Dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Certain Populations](#)

V-Safe After Vaccination Health Checker

V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after an individual receives a COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe web pages feature information on how to register and complete a v-safe health check-in (including step-by-instructions with images), troubleshooting, FAQs, and contact information for technical support. These web pages will be continuously updated with additional resources.

- V-safe information sheet and poster: Posted on the Vaccine webpage and available in 5 languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, and Simplified Chinese
- [V-safe after vaccination health checker website](#)
- [V-Safe Print Resources](#)
- [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#)