

Second COVID-19 Booster Guidance and Resources

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Outline

- Review current second COVID-19 booster guidance
- Review resources related to second boosters
- Q&A

2nd Booster: Eligibility

Who's eligible?



- Ages 50+
- Ages 12+ who are moderately or severely immunocompromised
- Ages 18-49 who got two doses of J&J vaccine
- There is no current guidance for a second booster for healthcare workers who don't meet the age or clinical criteria.

When should eligible people get a second booster?



- At least 4 months after their first booster.

Which vaccine may they get for a second booster?



- Ages 18+ may get Pfizer or Moderna mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.
- Ages 12–17 years may only receive the Pfizer vaccine.

What Should SNFs Do About a 2nd COVID Booster Dose?

- Half of CA SNF residents received their 1st booster by mid-Dec 2021. Many will be eligible for a 2nd booster in April 2022.
- SNFs should inform eligible residents and staff about the [new recommendations](#) and provide information on how to access a 2nd booster, if interested ([MyTurn](#), [Vaccines.gov](#)).
- SNFs may choose to administer 2nd boosters to eligible residents and staff now.
- SNFs should develop a plan for accessing additional booster doses in the future if there are additional surges or a newer vaccine is needed. For additional details on vaccine access, refer to the [LTCF COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit](#).



[Link Here](#)

2nd Booster Resources


- [2nd Booster Clinical Considerations](#) (CDC)
- [2nd Booster Flyer for Patients](#) (CDC)
- [2nd Booster FAQs for LTCFs](#) *NEW!*
- [Older Adults Booster Poster](#) *UPDATED!*
- [Healthcare Worker Booster Poster](#) *UPDATED!*
- [LTCF COVID Vaccine toolkit](#) *UPDATED!*
- [Resources about COVID-19 Boosters](#) (HHS)



[Link Here](#)

CDC 2nd Booster Flyers


Clinical Guidance




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 2nd booster dose.

When you discuss a 2nd COVID-19 vaccine booster dose with patients:


**Who is eligible:**

- 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

**Who might consider getting the 2nd booster dose now:**


Among people who meet the criteria for eligibility (listed above; "who is eligible"), clinical considerations for getting the dose now include:

- People with underlying medical conditions that increase the risk of severe COVID-19 disease
- 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 or 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

**Who might consider waiting to receive a 2nd booster dose:**

Among people who meet the criteria for eligibility (listed above; "who is eligible"), clinical considerations for getting the dose now include:

- 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

**If you vaccinate:**

- 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/health-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



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Public Information



Thinking About Getting a Second COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose

In March 2022, CDC updated its COVID-19 vaccination guidance to say that certain groups of people may get second boosters. If you're in one of those groups, it's up to you whether or not to get a second booster right now, based on the benefits and risks the vaccine may provide to you. Your healthcare provider can help you review your options. Here are factors to think about as you consider a second booster.

1. Are you eligible?

Right now, you're eligible for a 2nd COVID-19 booster if you're:

- 50 years of age and older and received an initial booster at least 4 months ago.
- 12 years of age and older and moderately or severely immunocompromised and received an initial booster at least 4 months ago
- Received 2 doses of Janssen vaccine at least 4 months ago

2. Are you (or is someone you live with) more likely to get very sick?

Certain factors can make it more likely someone will get very sick from COVID-19. It may be helpful to get a second booster now if you are (or if someone you live with is):

- Moderately or severely immunocompromised
- More likely to get very sick from COVID-19
- More likely to be exposed to COVID-19 through your job, where you live, or other factors (such as frequent travel or large gatherings)
- In an area with medium to high COVID-19 community levels
- Or if someone you live with is unvaccinated.

3. Can you wait?

You may consider waiting to get a second booster if you:

- Had COVID-19 within the past 3 months
- Feel that getting a second booster now would make you not want to get another booster in the future (a second booster may be more important in fall of 2022, or if a new vaccine for a future COVID-19 variant becomes available).

If you get a second booster:

- Make sure it's been at least 4 months since your last COVID-19 booster.
- Remember that second boosters can only be Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech (and for 12-17 year-olds, only Pfizer-BioNTech).
- You can self-attest that you have a moderately or severely weakened immune system. This means you do not need any documentation that you have a weakened immune system to receive COVID-19 vaccines (including boosters) wherever they're offered.

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

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People with Certain Medical Conditions: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/health-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html

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HHS 2nd Booster Materials



Give Your COVID-19 Vaccination Protection a Boost

Booster shots are now available for everyone 12+ and vaccinated

COVID-19 vaccines continue to work very well at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. A booster shot is an extra dose that helps keep up your protection.

When to get your booster

Get your 1st booster as soon as you're eligible:



- 5 months after your 2nd dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine.
- 2 months after your single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

You can get a 2nd booster 4 months after your 1st, if you're:

- 50+ and got the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.
- 18+ and got the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Find free vaccines near you

- Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)
- Text your ZIP code to 438829
- Call 1-800-232-0233
- Scan the QR code



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PROTECT YOUR STAFF AND RESIDENTS WITH COVID-19 BOOSTERS

Boosters help keep up protection. If you're 12+, you should get your 1st booster:

- 5 months after your 2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna.
- 2 months after your single dose of Johnson & Johnson.

You can get a 2nd booster 4 months after your 1st, if you're:

- 50+ and got the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.
- 18+ and got the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

To schedule a vaccination clinic at your facility or nearby, reach out to your vaccine provider. If you need support:

- Contact your state or local health department.
- Call CDC INFO at 800-232-4636 to be matched with a vaccine provider for an on-site clinic.



Visit cdc.gov/coronavirus for more information on boosters.



PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES BY GETTING YOUR COVID VACCINE BOOSTERS

Older adults are at high risk for severe illness from COVID.

Boosters help keep up protection for you and your loved ones. If you're 12+, you should get your 1st booster:

- 5 months after your 2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna.
- 2 months after your single dose of Johnson & Johnson.

You can get a 2nd booster 4 months after your 1st, if you're:

- 50+ and got the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.
- 18+ and got the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.



Visit cdc.gov/coronavirus for more information on boosters.

CDPH 2nd Booster FAQs

- Summarizes eligibility, clinical guidance, and benefits/risk of second boosters
- Useful tool to share with residents, staff, and other partners

SECOND COVID-19 BOOSTER DOSE FAQS FOR LONG-TERM CARE SETTINGS

ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Who is eligible for a second booster?**
 - o People 50+ years old
 - o People 12+ years old who are [moderately or severely immunocompromised](#) (e.g., organ transplant, on chemotherapy, or other conditions)
 - o People 18-49 years old who got two doses of J&J vaccine
 - o There is no current guidance for a second booster for healthcare workers or long-term care facility (LTCF) residents who don't meet the age or clinical criteria.
- 2. When should they get a second booster?**
 - o At least 4 months after their first booster.
- 3. What if they recently caught COVID-19?**
 - o People can get a booster after infection as soon as they feel better, are fever-free and no longer need to isolate. However, people who had COVID-19 within the last 3 months may consider waiting to get their second booster.
- 4. Which vaccine may they get for a second booster?**
 - o People 18+ years old may get Pfizer or Moderna mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.
 - o People 12-17 years old may only receive the Pfizer vaccine.
- 5. Who might benefit most from getting a second booster now?**
 - o People who are [immunocompromised](#)
 - o People with [medical conditions](#) that increase their risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 (e.g., people with heart, lung, or kidney disease; diabetes; or dementia).
 - o People who live with someone who is immunocompromised, at higher risk for severe disease, or can't be vaccinated due to age or other reasons.
 - o People who are at higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 (e.g., live or work in a LTCF or in a community where the COVID-19 level is high).

Second COVID-19 Booster Dose FAQs

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BENEFITS AND RISKS

- 6. What are the benefits of a second booster?**
 - o Protection from the first booster may decrease over time. A second booster helps sustain protection against COVID-19 infection and severe disease.
 - o LTCF residents and staff who are 50+ years or immunocompromised are at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 and may especially benefit from a second booster.
 - o The initial series of doses and first booster provide strong protection against COVID-19 and should be offered to those who have not yet received these doses.
- 7. What are the risks of a second booster?**
 - o COVID-19 vaccines are safe. Over 600,000 people 60+ years in Israel received a second booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine, with no new safety concerns.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 8. Are second boosters required?**
 - a. There is no current requirement for a second booster for LTCF residents or staff.
 - b. A second booster is not currently required by CDC to be classified as up to date with COVID-19 vaccination.
- 9. How should LTCFs utilize second booster doses?**
 - o Half of California LTCF residents received their first booster by mid-December 2021 and so will be eligible for a second booster in April 2022.
 - o LTCFs should inform eligible residents and staff about the new recommendations and how to access a second booster ([MyTurn](#), [Vaccines.gov](#)).
 - o LTCFs may choose to offer second boosters to eligible residents and staff now.
 - o LTCFs should develop a plan for offering residents additional booster doses in the future if there are additional surges or a newer vaccine is needed. For additional details on COVID vaccine access, refer to the [LTCF COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit](#).

RESOURCES

- o [CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- o [FDA COVID-19 Update, 3/29/2022](#)
- o [WSSSRW Statement, 3/30/2022](#)

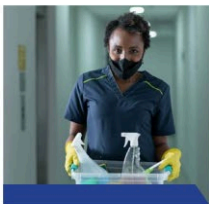
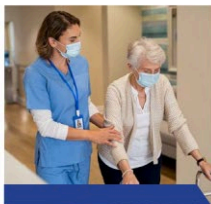
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CDPH Booster Posters

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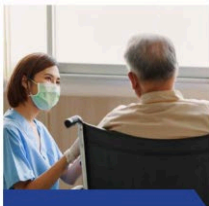
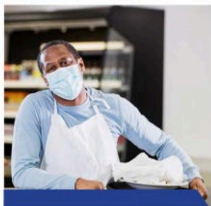


PROTECT YOURSELF

You've worked so hard to help your patients. You owe it to yourself to prioritize your health by getting a booster. If you are 50 or older or immunocompromised, you can now get a second booster.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND COWORKERS

With boosters, your chances of getting very sick from COVID-19 are much lower and you are less likely to spread COVID-19 to those around you. Boosters restore protection against COVID-19.



PROTECT YOUR PATIENTS

COVID-19 can be dangerous and deadly, especially for your vulnerable patients.

GETTING BOOSTERS IS
ANOTHER EASY THING YOU
CAN DO TO PROTECT THEM.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe with millions safely immunized. Maximize your protection against COVID-19 with boosters.

Get your COVID-19 booster dose at:

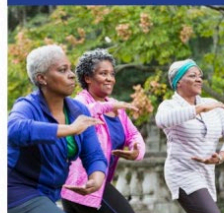
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GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER TODAY.

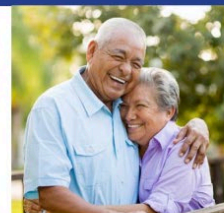
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IN THESE TIMES, EVERYONE COULD USE A BOOST



**BOOST YOUR
PHYSICAL HEALTH**



**BOOST YOUR
SOCIAL HEALTH**



**BOOST YOUR PROTECTION
AGAINST COVID-19 NOW**

COVID-19 vaccines **work very well** at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

Booster shots are extra doses that help maximize your protection against COVID-19.

Adults who are 50 and older or immunocompromised can now get a **second booster** of the vaccines made by Pfizer or Moderna at least 4 months after the first booster of any COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are **safe, effective, and free.**

DON'T WAIT, VACCINATE!

Three ways to find free vaccines near you

- ✓ Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a walk-up site.
- ✓ Book an appointment on [My Turn](https://myturn.ca.gov) (myturn.ca.gov) or call (833) 422-4255.
- ✓ Check with your doctor, nurse or local pharmacy.

BOOST YOUR HEALTH.

GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER TODAY.

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LTCF COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit

- Summary of how LTCFs can access COVID-19 vaccine
- Includes helpful resources, LTC pharmacy contact information, and more

Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit

The LTCF COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit has been developed as a resource to ensure that Long-Term Care (LTC) residents and staff have continued access to primary series and booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine. The following are vaccine access options, vaccination resources, and staff and resident education resources.

- LTCFs are encouraged to reach out to their regular or contract pharmacy to inquire about meeting the facility's ongoing needs of COVID-19 vaccination, including on-site clinics.
- LTC residents and staff who can travel to a vaccine site are encouraged to utilize vaccination sites in their local community (i.e., nearby pharmacies or healthcare provider offices); this may be the fastest way to get vaccinated.
- If an on-site vaccination clinic is the best option to meet your LTC residents' needs, facilities can contact LTC or retail pharmacies directly for support. When planning, LTCFs should take into consideration how many residents and staff will need primary and booster vaccines.
- Consider planning coadministration of both flu and COVID-19 vaccine at the same time. COVID-19 vaccines can be administered at the same time as flu and other vaccines.
- **Please take a moment to walk through the flow diagram in Appendix A for step-by-step instructions.**

Long-Term Care Pharmacies

- If you do not have a contracted pharmacy provider, there are participating Long-Term Care (LTC) pharmacies that may be available to service your facility's COVID-19 vaccine needs. Facilities can reach out directly to a nearby LTC pharmacy of their choice to inquire and receive COVID-19 vaccine. Note that while some pharmacies are only serving contracted facilities, others are willing to service outside their usual contracted facilities. The timing and availability for vaccine service will vary based on the pharmacy resources and facility location.
- A list of the participating LTC pharmacies in California can be found in **Appendix B**.

Additional information about Omnicare

- **Distribution model** – subcontract arrangement with the facilities to distribute vaccine and utilize facility staff to do the vaccine administration. LTCFs can request vials of COVID-19 vaccine and Omnicare would manage the delivery logistics and vaccination reporting. Facilities should only order what vaccine they can



Appendix A.

LTCF: Who do I contact to get access to COVID-19 vaccine?



* If your facility is unable to arrange COVID-19 vaccination from any of the above resources, please contact the state Provider COVID-19 Call Center: email providercallcenter@cdph.ca.gov or call (833) 502-1245 Monday – Friday 8 AM–6 PM.

Resources



The screenshot shows the EZIZ website, which is described as "A one-stop shop for immunization training and resources." The website has a blue header with the EZIZ logo and a search bar. A green sidebar on the left contains a navigation menu with links to Home, Vaccine Programs, Vaccine Management, Storage Units, Temperature Monitoring, EZIZ Training, and Job Aids & Resources. Below the menu is a "Contact VFC" section with phone, business hours, and fax information, as well as links to find a VFC field representative, find other VFC provider offices, and send comments. At the bottom of the sidebar is a "Sign up to receive EZIZ news and VFC letters via email!" button and a "Frequently Asked Questions" section. The main content area is titled "Resources for Long-Term Care Facilities" and is divided into three sections: "Vaccine Guidance" (with a "COVID-19" sub-section listing various FAQs and toolkits), "Influenza" (listing vaccination resources and an identification guide), and "Vaccine Education" (listing importance of vaccination, FAQs, education toolkits, and a second booster dose handout). A "Promotional Materials" section at the bottom lists various posters and infographics related to COVID-19 boosters and immunity.

EZIZ
A one-stop shop for immunization training and resources.

Resources for Long-Term Care Facilities

Vaccine Guidance

COVID-19

- Second COVID-19 Booster Dose FAQs for Long Term Care Settings (CDPH)
- Interim Clinical Considerations for the Use of COVID-19 Vaccine (CDC)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Timing by Age (Eligibility Chart)
- Spanish: Calendario de la Vacuna COVID-19 por Edad (Tabla de Elegibilidad)
- Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit
- Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care FAQs (CDC)
- FAQs about Medical Consent and Booster Doses for Residents (CDC)
- Post COVID-19 Vaccine Considerations for Residents (CDC)
- Clinical Considerations Second COVID-19 Booster Dose (CDC)
- More Resources

Influenza

- Influenza Vaccination Resources for Long-Term Care Facilities
- Influenza Vaccine Identification Guide

Vaccine Education

- Importance of COVID-19 Vaccination for Residents (CDC)
- COVID-19 Vaccination FAQs (CDC)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Education toolkit (PALTC)
- Thinking About Getting a Second COVID-19 Booster Dose handout (CDC)

Promotional Materials

- COVID-19 Boosters Keep You Strong graphic for Twitter and Facebook/Instagram
- If You Work in a Health Care Setting, Boost Your Health with a COVID-19 Booster Dose! poster
- Everyone Could Use a Boost poster for older adults
- Everyone in Long-Term Care Needs Protection Against COVID-19 and Influenza poster | Spanish | Tagalog
- Give Your Immunity a Boost infographic for healthcare workers
- Resources about COVID-19 Boosters (HHS)
- More Influenza Resources

Contact VFC

Phone: 1-877-243-8832
Business hours:
Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 9 am - 4 pm
Fax: 1-877-329-9832

- Find a VFC field representative in your area
- Find other VFC provider offices in your area
- Send us your comments at MyVFCVaccines@cdph.ca.gov

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Frequently Asked Questions

All resources posted on the EZIZ Long-Term Care Facility Resources Page

<https://eziz.org/resources-for-longterm-care-facilities/>