

COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations

Booster Doses

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Everyone ages 5 years and older is recommended to receive ONE age-appropriate bivalent mRNA booster dose at least 2 months after completion of any FDA-approved or FDA-authorized monovalent primary series or last monovalent booster dose.

- People cannot receive a bivalent booster dose without first completing a primary series of a monovalent vaccine product.
- Age-appropriate homologous and heterologous boosters are allowed; there is no preference.
 - **Pfizer bivalent boosters → authorized for ages 5 years and older**
 - 5 years – 11 years: Pfizer Orange Cap Bivalent Booster (0.2 mL) – *different product than for 12 and older*
 - 12 years and older: Pfizer Gray Cap Bivalent Booster (0.3 mL)
 - **Moderna bivalent booster → authorized for ages 6 years and older**
 - 6 years – 11 years: Moderna Bivalent Booster (0.25 mL) – *same product for 12 and older, but half the dose*
 - 12 years and older: Moderna Bivalent Booster (0.5 mL)

| Vaccination History | → | Next dose |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Primary series | At least 2 months → | 1 bivalent booster dose |
| Primary series + 1 booster | At least 2 months → | 1 bivalent booster dose |
| Primary series + 2 boosters | At least 2 months → | 1 bivalent booster dose |

| Bivalent Booster Products | Age | Dose |
|---|--------------------|---------|
| Pfizer Bivalent (orange cap) | 5 – 11 years | 0.2 mL |
| Pfizer Bivalent (gray cap) | 12 years and older | 0.3 mL |
| Moderna Bivalent (blue cap, gray label) | 6 – 11 years | 0.25 mL |
| | 12 years and older | 0.5 mL |

- The new bivalent booster recommendations **replace** previous booster recommendations for people ages 5 years and older.
 - Fall Booster “Reset” → moving forward, recommendations will be simplified.
 - Change from “dose counting” (ex. dose 4, dose 5, etc.) to ONE bivalent booster for everyone eligible.
- Monovalent vaccine products must still be used for **primary series** doses.
- Monovalent vaccine products are **no longer authorized for use as booster doses** for patients 5 years and older.
- Recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines for ages 6 months through 4 years have not changed.