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## COVID-19 Pandemic, Update # 49 *Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose Recommendations*

### Key Points and Recommendations:

- On November 19<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) updated the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to allow the [Pfizer-BioNTech](#) and [Moderna](#) COVID-19 vaccines to be administered as booster doses for all persons 18 years of age or older.
- On November 19<sup>th</sup>, the CDC updated their COVID-19 vaccine [booster dose recommendations](#) for people 18 years of age or older who completed a primary mRNA COVID-19 vaccination series:
  - The following persons **should** receive a booster dose starting at least 6 months after completing their primary mRNA vaccine series:
    - Persons 50 years of age or older
    - Persons 18 years of age or older who are residents in long-term care settings
  - All persons 18 years of age or older (regardless of risk factors) **may** receive a booster dose starting at least 6 months after completing their primary mRNA vaccine series
- CDC continues to recommend that persons 18 years of age or older who received the single-dose Janssen COVID-19 vaccine **should** receive a booster dose (regardless of risk factors) at least 2 months after completion of their first dose.
- Heterologous booster dosing continues to be permitted – eligible persons can receive any of the currently available COVID-19 vaccines for a booster dose, regardless of which primary series a person received (assuming no vaccine contraindications to that specific vaccine).
- On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the CDC also issued [Emergency Use Instructions \(EUI\)](#) to provide additional recommendations for use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (only applicable for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine) as an additional primary series dose or as a booster dose in people who received certain non-FDA authorized/approved COVID-19 vaccines:
  - The EUI includes recommendations for people who received a COVID-19 vaccine available in another country that has a [World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing \(WHO-EUL\)](#), or who received a COVID-19 vaccine as [part of a clinical trial](#) where a data and safety monitoring board has confirmed vaccine efficacy
  - Providers should review CDC's updated Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines, including:
    - Updated guidance for [People who received COVID-19 vaccine outside the U.S.](#)
    - Updated guidance for [People who received COVID-19 vaccine as part of a clinical trial](#)
    - CDC's new [EUI Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#)
    - CDC's new [EUI Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#) (which should be provided to vaccine recipients receiving the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine under the CDC's EUI)

- Under the CDC's EUI, the following persons who completed a primary series with an eligible non-FDA authorized/approved vaccine (e.g., AstraZeneca, Sinopharm, Sinovac, Novavax, etc.) can receive an additional primary series or booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine as follows:
  - Persons 12 years of age or older who are moderately-severely immunocompromised can receive an additional primary series dose (i.e., additional 3<sup>rd</sup> dose for immunocompromised) starting at least 28 days after completion of the primary series
  - Persons 18 years of age or older can receive a single booster dose starting at least 6 months after completion of their primary vaccine series
- People can find vaccination locations (including sites offering a specific COVID-19 vaccine product) at [www.vaccines.gov/search](http://www.vaccines.gov/search).
- NH Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) **Healthcare Provider and Public Health Partner** webinars continue to occur on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month** from 12:00 – 1:00 pm (next call will be Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>):
  - Zoom link: <https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/94059287404>
  - Call-in phone number: (646) 558-8656
  - Meeting ID: 940 5928 7404
  - Password: 353809

- For any questions regarding this notification, please call the NH DHHS, DPHS, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at (603) 271-4496 during business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).
- If you are calling after hours or on the weekend, please call the New Hampshire Hospital switchboard at (603) 271-5300 and request the Public Health Professional on-call.
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