

## CURRENT COVID VACCINE GUIDELINES

- PFIZER**
- Ages 5-11 get pediatric dose
  - Ages 12+ get adult dose
  - 2 doses 3 weeks apart for most people
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> dose at least 28 days later for immunocompromised (self-reported by patient).

For individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care or have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

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- MODERNA**
- 2 doses 4 weeks apart for most people
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> dose at least 28 days later for immunocompromised (self-reported by patient).
  - Booster is ½ the original dose

For individuals who received a Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care or have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

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- J&J**
- OCHS no longer stocks the Johnson and Johnson (J&J) vaccine. Please contact a commercial pharmacy for an Initial Single Dose or for a J&J Booster if you desire this brand. Otherwise, OCHS can offer Pfizer or Moderna booster shots for individuals who originally received an initial one-shot of the J&J vaccine.

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- MIXING VACCINES**
- There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States. Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster. Evidence is not available to guide this decision at this time.

A **3rd (or “additional”)** Dose is administered to people with moderately to severely compromised immune systems to improve immunocompromised people’s response to their initial vaccine series

A **Booster** is administered when a person has completed their vaccine series, and protection against the virus has decreased over time. (cdc.gov, 10/18/21).