



Third/Additional Dose Guidance

Third/Additional Dose: Given at least 28 days after completing the initial series to those immunocompromised.	Pfizer Recipients	Moderna Recipients
Can receive third/additional dose	✓	✓

Currently, CDC is recommending that moderately to severely immunocompromised people receive an additional dose. This includes people who have:

- CDC is recommending that moderately or severely immunocompromised 5–11-year-olds receive an additional primary dose of vaccine 28 days after their second shot. At this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and recommended for children aged 5-11.
- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids (20mg prednisone or equivalent) or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

People should talk to their healthcare provider about their medical condition, and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them.

Note: For the “third dose”, CDC recommends getting the same vaccine as your first series.



Booster Dose Guidance

Booster Dose: Should be given at least 5 months after completing the initial series to all individuals 12+.	Pfizer Recipients	Moderna Recipients
Should receive booster dose	✓	
Booster Dose: Should be given at least 6 months after completing the initial series to all individuals 18+.	Pfizer Recipients	Moderna Recipients
Should receive booster dose		✓
Booster Dose: Should be given at least 2 months after completing the initial dose to all individuals 18+.	J&J Recipients	
Should receive booster dose	✓	

Both the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and CDC support individuals to receive a booster dose that is a different vaccine type than they originally received for their primary series if they choose.