

Updated COVID-19 Vaccination Guidance

New Booster Intervals

CDC has shortened the booster interval for **both** Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines from 6 months down to **5 months** after the completion of a primary COVID-19 vaccine series.

Vaccination Age Reminder

Pfizer-BioNTech boosters may be given to anyone 12 years of age and older. Moderna boosters may **only** be given to those 18 years of age and older. Janssen boosters may **only** be given to those 18 years of age and older.

Please refer to the chart below for a visual:

Do I qualify for a COVID-19 vaccine booster and which one?

Which primary vaccine series did you complete?	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	Janssen (J&J)
You can get a booster if:	It's been at least 5 months since completing a primary series AND you are:	It's been at least 5 months since completing a primary series AND you are:	It's been at least 2 months since completing primary vaccination AND you are:
	Age 12+	Age 18+	Age 18+
If eligible, you can get a booster of:	Pfizer-BioNTech* Moderna Janssen (J&J) *Only Pfizer-BioNTech can be used as a booster in those age 12-17.	Moderna Pfizer-BioNTech Janssen (J&J)	Janssen (J&J) Pfizer-BioNTech Moderna

For more information, visit www.fda.gov/covid19vaccines.



Five-Year-Old Immunocompromised Guidance

For some immunocompromised children aged 5–11 years old, CDC now recommends an additional dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to complete the primary series – a total of three doses. Moderately or severely immunocompromised 5–11-year-olds should receive an additional primary dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine 28 days after their second shot.

Moderna Expiration Extension

Moderna Vaccine with the **lot number 017F21A** expiration date has been approved for extension. The original expiration date of January, 2022 has now been extended to March, 2022.

This extension notice is for lot number 017F21A only.

This applies to frozen response product only (maintained at -20°C storage) or vaccine that has been deemed viable until the published expiration date. As a reminder, it remains an important best practice to utilize the "Look up Tool" prior to administration of all Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine doses to confirm product viability. The Moderna "Look up Tool" is located on the EUA website https://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/providers/vial-lookup#vialLookUpTool

Please send questions to COVIDVaccines@dhec.sc.gov.