

Additional Dose vs. Boost Dose? Who gets what? A COVID-19 Immunization Primer

Qualifications	Boost Dose			Additional Dose
	a dose of vaccine administered when the initial sufficient immune response to a primary vaccine series is likely to have waned over time			an additional vaccine dose when the initial immune response following a primary vaccine series is likely to be insufficient
Vaccine Presentation	Pfizer	Moderna	J&J	Pfizer or Moderna (regardless of initial presentation of mRNA vaccine)
Timing	At least 6 months after 2 nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine		At least 2 months after 1 dose J&J	At least 28 days after 2 nd dose of either Pfizer or Moderna vaccine
Who Qualifies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People 65 years and older • Residents in long-term care settings • People aged 50 to 64 with certain underlying medical conditions* • People 18 to 49 who are at high risk for severe COVID-19 due to certain underlying medical conditions, based on their individual benefits and risks.* • People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting, based on their individual benefits and risks. • This booster can be any of the three COVID-19 vaccine brands authorized in the U.S. <p>*People should talk to their healthcare provider about their medical condition, and whether getting a boost dose is appropriate for them.</p>		<p>People 18 years and older who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should get a booster dose at least two months after their first dose. This booster can be any of the three COVID-19 vaccine brands authorized in the U.S.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 or other drugs that may suppress your immune response <p>People should talk to their healthcare provider about their medical condition, and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them.</p>
Dose	Pfizer 0.3mL or Moderna 0.25mL			Pfizer 0.3mL or Moderna 0.5mL
Waiting Period after dose	15-30 minutes			15-30 minutes