

# COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

5/25/22

# CDC Upgrades Second Booster Recommendation



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2nd booster

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older



People age 12 years and  
older who are  
moderately or severely  
immunocompromised



People age 18 years and  
older who received  
Janssen as both primary  
and booster dose

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*“While older Americans have the highest coverage of any age group of first booster doses, most older Americans received their last dose (either their primary series or their first booster dose) many months ago, leaving many who are vulnerable without the protection they may need to prevent severe disease, hospitalization, and death.*

*Whether it is your first booster, or your second, if you haven’t had a vaccine dose since the beginning of December 2021 and you are eligible, now is the time to get one.”*

# Importance of Second Boosters

- Protection from the first booster may decrease over time.
- A second booster dose will safely help restore and enhance protection against COVID-19 severe disease, hospitalization, and death.
- Long-term care residents and staff who are 50+ years or immunocompromised are at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 and may especially benefit from a second booster.

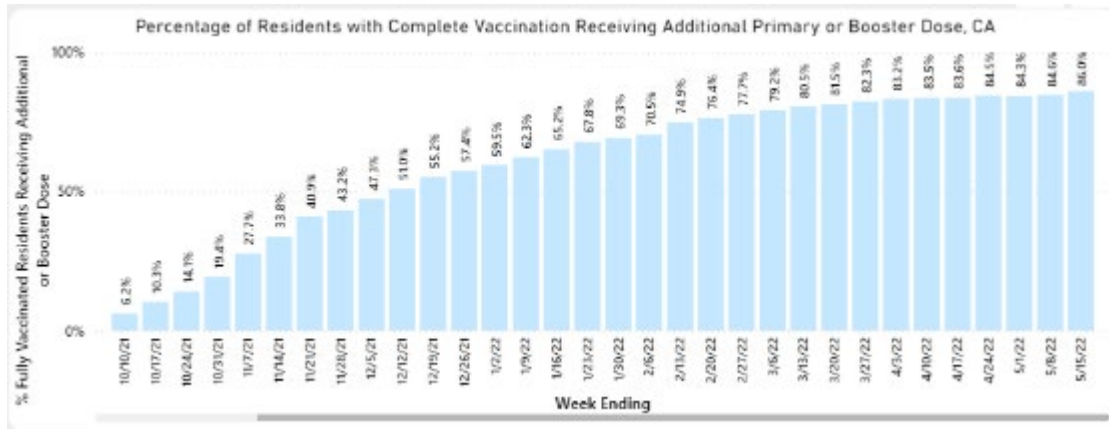
# What Should SNFs Do About A Second COVID Booster Dose?

- Many California LTCF residents received their first booster at the end of 2021 and are now eligible for a second booster
- SNFs **should offer** second boosters to eligible residents and staff now.
- SNFs should inform eligible residents and staff about the new recommendations and provide information on how to access a second booster ([MyTurn](#), [Vaccines.gov](#)).
- For additional details on COVID vaccine access, refer to the [LTCF COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit](#).



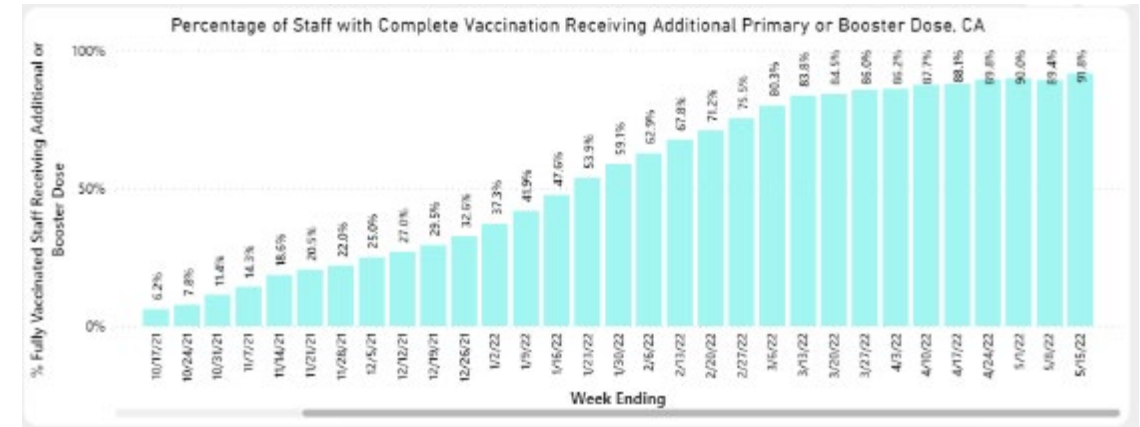
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# CA SNF First Booster Progress



## SNF Residents

- **86%** of residents received an additional or booster dose as of 5/16/22
- **14%** of residents may still be eligible for a first booster



## SNF Staff

- **91.8%** of staff received an additional or booster dose as of 5/16/22
- **8.2%** of staff may still be eligible for a first booster



# CDPH 2<sup>nd</sup> Booster FAQs

- Summarizes eligibility, clinical guidance, and benefits/risk of second boosters
- Useful tool to share with residents, staff and other partners

## SECOND COVID-19 BOOSTER DOSE FAQS FOR LONG-TERM CARE SETTINGS

Updated 5/23/22 to reflect CDC's strengthened recommendations for second boosters.

### ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Who should receive a second booster?**
  - o People 50+ years old
  - o People 12+ years old who are [moderately or severely immunocompromised](#) (e.g., organ transplant, on chemotherapy, or other conditions)
  - o People 18-49 years old who got two doses of J&J vaccine may choose to receive a second booster.
  - o There is no current guidance on a second booster for healthcare workers or long-term care facility (LTCF) residents who don't meet the age or clinical criteria listed above.
- 2. When should they get a second booster?**
  - o At least 4 months after their first booster.
- 3. What if they recently caught COVID-19?**
  - o People can get a booster after infection as soon as they feel better, are fever-free and no longer need to isolate. However, people who had COVID-19 within the last 3 months may consider waiting to get their second booster.
- 4. Which vaccine may they get for a second booster?**
  - o People 18+ years old may get Pfizer or Moderna mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.
  - o People 12-17 years old may only receive the Pfizer vaccine.
- 5. Who might benefit most from getting a second booster now?**
  - o People who are [immunocompromised](#)
  - o People with [medical conditions](#) that increase their risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 (e.g., people with heart, lung, or kidney disease; diabetes; or dementia).
  - o People who live with someone who is immunocompromised, at higher risk for severe disease, or can't be vaccinated due to age or other reasons.
  - o People who are at higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 (e.g., live or work in a LTCF or in a community where the COVID-19 level is high).

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### BENEFITS AND RISKS

- 6. What are the benefits of a second booster?**
  - o Protection from the first booster may decrease over time. A second booster dose will safely help restore and enhance protection against COVID-19 severe disease, hospitalization, and death.
  - o LTCF residents and staff who are 50+ years or immunocompromised are at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 and may especially benefit from a second booster.
  - o The initial series of doses and first booster provide strong protection against COVID-19 and should be offered to those who have not yet received these doses.
- 7. What are the risks of a second booster?**
  - o COVID-19 vaccines are safe. Over 600,000 people 60+ years in Israel received a second booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine, with no new safety concerns.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 8. Are second boosters required?**
  - o There is no current CDPH requirement for a second booster for LTCF residents or staff.
  - o CDC has updated the definition of up to date to include a second booster for people who are 50+ and people 12+ who are immunocompromised
- 9. How should LTCFs utilize second booster doses?**
  - o Many California LTCF residents received their first booster at the end of 2021 and are now eligible for a second booster.
  - o LTCFs **should offer** second boosters to eligible residents and staff now. CDC strengthened its recommendations on 5/19/22.
  - o LTCFs should inform eligible residents and staff about the new recommendations and how to access a second booster ([MyTurn](#), [Vaccines.gov](#)).
  - o For additional details on COVID vaccine access, refer to the [LTCF COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit](#).

### RESOURCES

- o [CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- o [CDC Strengthens Recommendations and Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Booster Shots](#)
- o [CDPH Second Booster Resources](#)

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# 2nd Booster Resources

- [2nd Booster Clinical Considerations](#) (CDC)
- [2nd Booster Flyer for Patients](#) (CDC)
- [2nd Booster FAQs for LTCFs](#) *UPDATED!*
- [Older Adults Booster Poster](#) *UPDATED!*
- [Healthcare Worker Booster Poster](#) *UPDATED!*
- [LTCF COVID Vaccine toolkit](#)
- [Resources about COVID-19 Boosters](#) (HHS)




[Link Here](#)



UPDATED

# CDPH Booster Posters

IF YOU WORK IN A HEALTH CARE SETTING...  
**BOOST YOUR HEALTH WITH COVID-19 BOOSTER DOSES!**



**PROTECT YOURSELF**  
You've worked so hard to help your patients. You owe it to yourself to prioritize your health by getting a booster. If you are 50 or older or immunocompromised, you need a second booster.

**PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND COWORKERS**  
With boosters, your chances of getting very sick from COVID-19 are much lower and you are less likely to spread COVID-19 to those around you. Boosters restore protection against COVID-19.

**PROTECT YOUR PATIENTS**  
COVID-19 can be dangerous and deadly, especially for your vulnerable patients.


GETTING BOOSTERS IS ANOTHER EASY THING YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT THEM.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe with millions safely immunized. Maximize your protection against COVID-19 with boosters.


Get your COVID-19 booster dose at:

**BOOST YOUR HEALTH.**  
**GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER TODAY.**

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**IN THESE TIMES, EVERYONE COULD USE A BOOST**



**BOOST YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH**    **BOOST YOUR SOCIAL HEALTH**    **BOOST YOUR PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19 NOW**

COVID-19 vaccines work very well at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. Booster shots are extra doses that help maximize your protection against COVID-19.

Adults who are 50 and older or immunocompromised need a **second booster** of the vaccines made by Pfizer or Moderna at least 4 months after the first booster of any COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are safe, effective, and free.


**DON'T WAIT, VACCINATE!**

Three ways to find free vaccines near you

- ✓ Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a walk-up site.
- ✓ Book an appointment on [My Turn](https://www.myturn.ca.gov) ([myturn.ca.gov](https://www.myturn.ca.gov)) or call (833) 422-4255.
- ✓ Check with your doctor, nurse or local pharmacy.

**BOOST YOUR HEALTH.**  
**GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER TODAY.**

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- Updated with new guidance
- Printed copies available soon for ordering—stay tuned!
- Spanish, Tagalog, and Chinese translations coming soon

# LTCF COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit

- Summary of how LTCFs can access COVID-19 vaccine
- Includes helpful resources, LTC pharmacy contact information, and more

## Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit


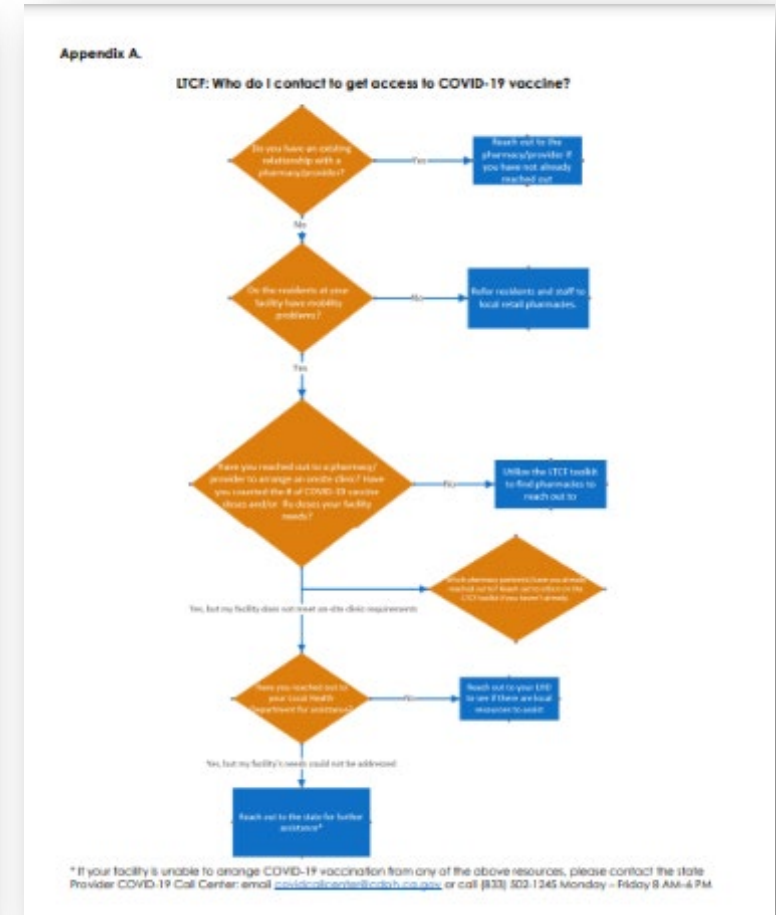
The LTCF COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit has been developed as a resource to ensure that Long-Term Care (LTC) residents and staff have continued access to primary series and booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine. The following are vaccine access options, vaccination resources, and staff and resident education resources.

- LTCFs are encouraged to reach out to their regular or contract pharmacy to inquire about meeting the facility's ongoing needs of COVID-19 vaccination, including on-site clinics.
- LTC residents and staff who can travel to a vaccine site are encouraged to utilize vaccination sites in their local community (i.e., nearby pharmacies or healthcare provider offices); this may be the fastest way to get vaccinated.
- If an on-site vaccination clinic is the best option to meet your LTC residents' needs, facilities can contact LTC or retail pharmacies directly for support. When planning, LTCFs should take into consideration how many residents and staff will need primary and booster vaccines.
- Consider planning coadministration of both flu and COVID-19 vaccine at the same time. COVID-19 vaccines can be administered at the same time as flu and other vaccines.
- **Please take a moment to walk through the flow diagram in Appendix A for step-by-step instructions.**

### Long-Term Care Pharmacies

- If you do not have a contracted pharmacy provider, there are participating Long-Term Care (LTC) pharmacies that may be available to service your facility's COVID-19 vaccine needs. Facilities can reach out directly to a nearby LTC pharmacy of their choice to inquire and receive COVID-19 vaccine. Note that while some pharmacies are only serving contracted facilities, others are willing to service outside their usual contracted facilities. The timing and availability for vaccine service will vary based on the pharmacy resources and facility location.
- A list of the participating LTC pharmacies in California can be found in **Appendix B**.

- **Additional information about Omnicare**
  - **Distribution model** – subcontract arrangement with the facilities to distribute vaccine and utilize facility staff to do the vaccine administration. LTCFs can request vials of COVID-19 vaccine and Omnicare would manage the delivery logistics and vaccination reporting. Facilities should only order what vaccine they can

# Seasonal Influenza Activity Gradually Increasing in California

- Elevated activity in Central California
- Influenza A (H3N2) viruses are predominant; Influenza B detected as well
- Influenza hospitalizations increasing
- Influenza vaccination is still recommended, particularly for patients at high risk of severe influenza.
  - Interim [vaccine effectiveness results](#) from CDC indicate that vaccination did not reduce the risk of mild to moderate illness from circulating H3N2 viruses. However, it is reasonable to continue to vaccinate as long as influenza viruses are circulating and even when protection against one virus is reduced.

# Influenza Testing and Treatment

- **Testing**

- Testing for influenza is recommended for all patients with respiratory illness in inpatient and congregate settings.
- Influenza testing is recommended in outpatient settings when it will inform clinical management or infection control.
- All persons tested for influenza should also be tested for SARS-CoV-2.

- **Treatment**

- Provide influenza antiviral treatment as soon as possible to any patient with confirmed or suspected influenza who is hospitalized, at higher risk for influenza complications, or developing progressive illness.
- Treat both influenza and SARS-CoV-2 when co-infection is present.
- Suspected or laboratory-confirmed influenza outbreaks in long-term care facilities should be reported to the local health department.

# Resources

The screenshot shows the EZIZ website interface. At the top left is the EZIZ logo with a family icon. To the right is a search bar labeled 'ENHANCED BY Google'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with green buttons for: Home, Vaccine Programs, Vaccine Management, Storage Units, Temperature Monitoring, EZIZ Training, and Job Aids & Resources. The main content area is titled 'Resources for Long-Term Care Facilities' and is divided into several sections:

- Vaccine Guidance**
  - COVID-19**
    - Second COVID-19 Booster Dose FAQs for Long Term Care Settings (CDPH)
    - Interim Clinical Considerations for the Use of COVID-19 Vaccine (CDC)
    - COVID-19 Vaccine Timing by Age (Eligibility Chart)
    - Spanish: Calendario de la Vacuna COVID-19 por Edad (Tabla de Elegibilidad)
    - Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit
    - Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care FAQs (CDC)
    - FAQs about Medical Consent and Booster Doses for Residents (CDC)
    - Post COVID-19 Vaccine Considerations for Residents (CDC)
    - Clinical Considerations Second COVID-19 Booster Dose (CDC)
    - More Resources
  - Influenza**
    - Influenza Vaccination Resources for Long-Term Care Facilities
    - Influenza Vaccine Identification Guide
- Vaccine Education**
  - Importance of COVID-19 Vaccination for Residents (CDC)
  - COVID-19 Vaccination FAQs (CDC)
  - COVID-19 Vaccine Education toolkit (PALTC)
  - Thinking About Getting a Second COVID-19 Booster Dose handout (CDC)
- Promotional Materials**
  - If You Work in a Health Care Setting, Boost Your Health with a COVID-19 Booster Dose! poster
  - Everyone Could Use a Boost poster for older adults
  - Everyone in Long-Term Care Needs Protection Against COVID-19 and Influenza poster | Spanish | Tagalog
  - Give Your Immunity a Boost infographic for healthcare workers
  - Resources about COVID-19 Boosters (HHS)
  - More Influenza Resources
  - More COVID-19 Resources

On the left side of the main content area, there is a 'Contact VFC' section with phone, business hours, and contact information. Below that is a 'Sign up to receive EZIZ news and VFC letters via email' section with an envelope icon. At the bottom left is a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section with a person icon.

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<https://eziz.org/resources-for-longterm-care-facilities/>