

Vaccine Updates

1/12/22

Additional Primary Dose Recommended for Immunocompromised Children 5-11 Years Old

- FDA expanded the Pfizer-BioNTech EUA to allow for a third primary series dose for certain immunocompromised children 5-to-11-years-old.
- CDC and Western States Safety Review Workgroup recommend an additional primary dose for immunocompromised children 5-to-11-years-old.

Boosters Recommended for 12+ years old and 5 months after primary mRNA series

Pfizer- BioNTech

≥12 years

5 months after primary series

Moderna

≥18 years

5 months after primary series;
booster is half-dose
(50 micrograms 0.25 ml)

Johnson & Johnson

≥18 years

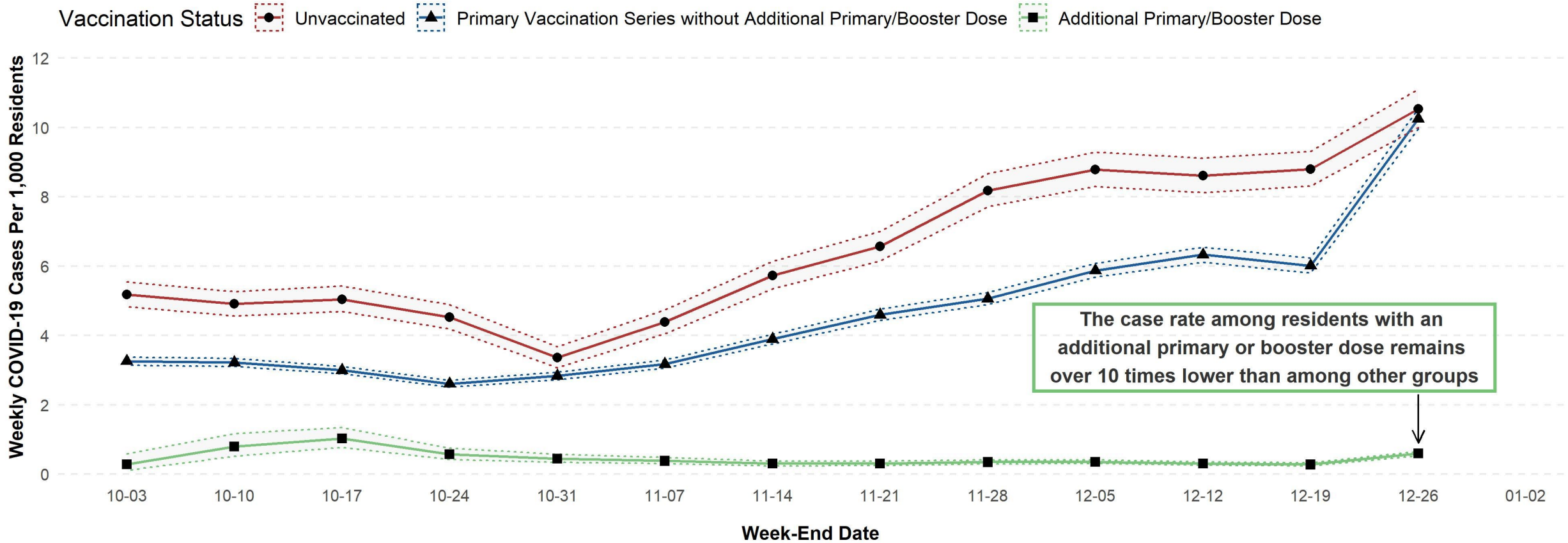
2 months after primary series

- FDA expanded EUA for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to include booster doses for adolescents 12-to-15-years-old.
- mRNA booster interval shortened to **5 months** in order to provide better protection sooner for individuals against the highly transmissible Omicron variant.

Reminder: mRNA Vaccines Preferred Over Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)

- mRNA vaccines are preferentially recommended over the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine.
- However, Janssen COVID-19 vaccine may be offered in some situations.
 - When there is a contraindication to mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., severe allergic reaction after a previous dose or to a component of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine)
 - When a person would otherwise remain unvaccinated due to limited access to mRNA COVID-19 vaccines
 - When a person wants to receive the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine despite the safety concerns identified
- As part of a pre-vaccination discussion with a vaccination provider, all people who elect to receive a Janssen COVID-19 vaccine booster should be informed about the risk and symptoms of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS), and the need to seek immediate medical care should TTS symptoms develop.

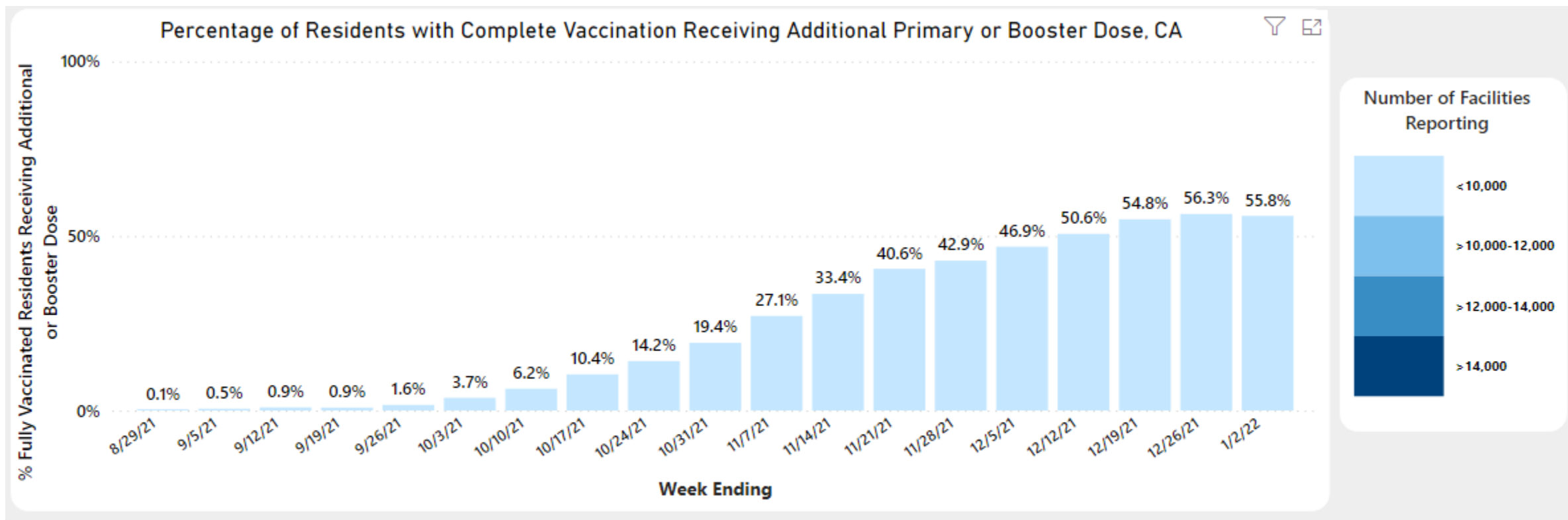
Unadjusted COVID-19 Cases Per 1,000 Nursing Home Residents, by COVID-19 Vaccination Status (Including Additional Primary and Booster Doses) and Week, United States



Data source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Healthcare Safety Network
 For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html>
 Note: Data reported in the most recent week may still be accruing.

Data as of 01/03/2022 05:30 AM

SNF resident booster coverage 56%



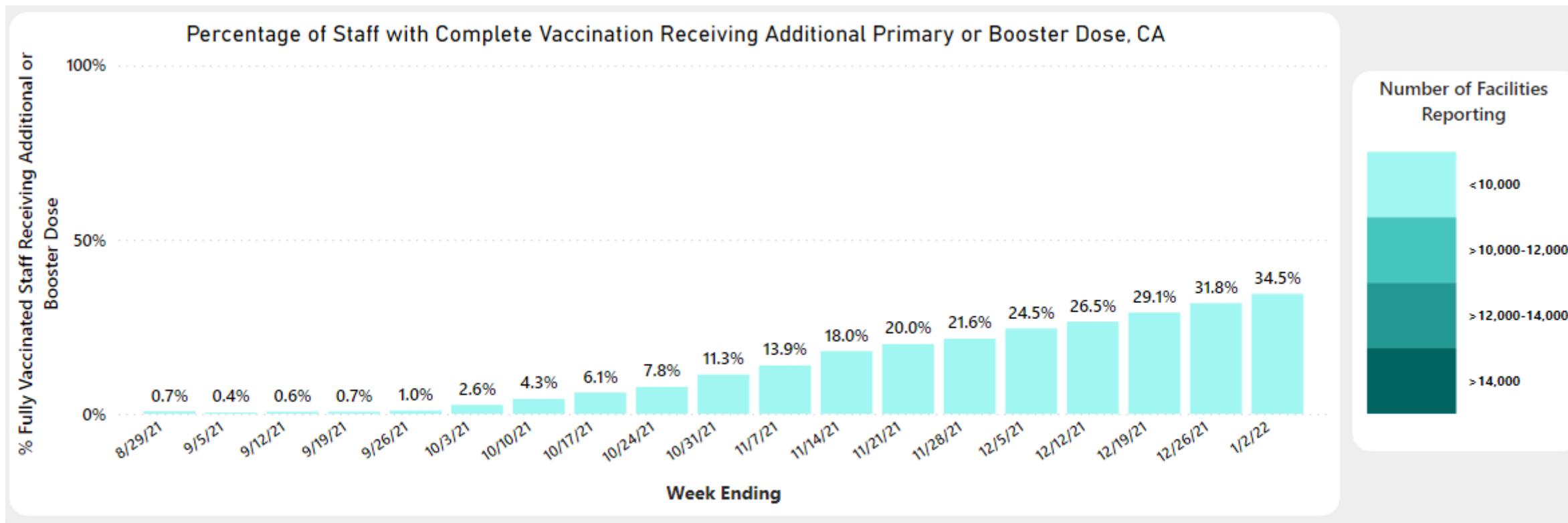
For weeks ending 8/29-9/26, facilities reporting 100% of fully vaccinated individuals received an additional primary or booster dose were excluded. Data for the most recent week are still accruing.

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For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html>

Data as of 1/3/2022 5:30 AM

Staff booster coverage only 34%



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Why get a booster now?

- Omicron cases are rising exponentially.
- After the initial COVID-19 vaccine series, protection against infection decreases over time. A booster helps keep up protection against the Omicron variant.
- Boosters help prevent infections and serious illness, hospitalization, and death.
- Boosters are safe. Side effects are similar to those after the initial COVID-19 vaccine series.
- Staff vaccinations protects nursing home residents and staff!

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CDPH Toolkit for LTCF Vaccination Resources

- LTC Pharmacy and Retail Pharmacy contact information
 - Appendix A: Flow chart to walk through vaccination resources
 - Appendix B: LTC pharmacies listed by county
- Information on how to enroll your facility as a Vaccine Provider
- Local, State, and Federal Resources
 - If your facility still needs vaccination access assistance,
 - Call CDPH COVID Provider Call Center (833) 502-1245
 - Or fill out [LTCF Vaccine Access Assistance Request Form](#)

Vaccine Resources

- [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination in Long-Term Care Facilities \(CDC\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Information for LTC Residents and Family Members \(CDC\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots \(CDC\)](#)
- [Myths and Facts about the COVID-19 Vaccine \(CDC\)](#)
- [HHS COVID-19 Public Education Campaign \(HHS\)](#)

- [Everyone in Long-term Care Needs Protection Against COVID-19 and Influenza poster \(CDPH\)](#)
- [Protect your Staff and Residents with COVID-19 Boosters flyer \(HHS\)](#)



COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VACCINES		WE CAN DO THIS
Do they work?	Yes All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States are highly effective at preventing COVID-19.	
Are they safe?	Yes The vaccines are safe. While more COVID-19 vaccines are being developed, routine processes and procedures remain in place to ensure the safety of any vaccine that is authorized for use.	
Are there side effects?	Yes You may have side effects. Possible side effects include soreness and swelling at the injection site, fever, chills, fatigue, and headache, but they should go away in a few days.	
Do I need to be vaccinated if I've had the virus already?	Yes There are severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and reinfection with COVID-19 is possible, particularly from new forms (or variants) of the virus that causes COVID-19. You should get vaccinated even if you've already had the virus.	

Everyone in Long-term Care Facilities Needs Protection Against Flu and COVID-19!

Flu and COVID-19 can be life-threatening

- Patients and staff depend on each other to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death due to flu and COVID-19

Protect Yourself and Those Around You

- Complete a COVID-19 vaccine series and get a COVID-19 booster
- Get a yearly flu shot
- COVID-19 and flu vaccines can be given on the same day



Get your flu and COVID-19 vaccines at:

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PROTECT YOUR STAFF AND RESIDENTS WITH COVID-19 BOOSTERS



A booster shot helps keep up protection. CDC recommends a booster shot for all people 12+ who:

- ▶ Got their Pfizer or Moderna 2nd dose more than 5 months ago;
- or
- ▶ Got their Johnson & Johnson dose more than 2 months ago.



To schedule a vaccination clinic at your facility or nearby, reach out to your vaccine provider. If you need support:

- ▶ Contact your state or local health department
- ▶ Call CDC INFO at **800-232-4636** to be matched with a vaccine provider for an on-site clinic

