

Pfizer Vaccine Booster Update: CDC Statement on ACIP Booster Recommendations

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People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series.

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People aged 18-64 years at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission due to occupational or institutional setting **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

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People aged 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

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People aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series.

Underlying Medical Conditions – A Sampling

- People subjected to long-standing [systemic health and social inequities](#)
 - Racial and ethnic minority groups
 - [People with disabilities](#)
- Cancer
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Chronic lung disease
- Type I and II Diabetes
- Dementia or other neurological conditions
- Pregnancy
- Heart Conditions

Link: [People with Certain Medical Conditions | CDC](#)

Booster FAQs: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html

Q: If we need a booster shot, does that mean that the vaccines aren't working?

A: No. COVID-19 vaccines are working well to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death, even against the widely circulating Delta variant. However, public health experts are starting to see reduced protection, especially among certain populations, against mild and moderate disease.

Q: What should people who received Moderna or Johnson & Johnson's Janssen (J&J/Janssen) vaccine do?

A: At this time, the Pfizer-BioNTech booster authorization only applies to people whose primary series was Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. More data on the effectiveness and safety of Moderna and J&J/Janssen booster shots are expected soon.

How facilities can plan for booster doses

- LTCFs should estimate # booster doses needed by residents and eligible staff
 - Anticipate both flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine needs
 - # people able to travel to community vaccine sites: pharmacy or clinic
 - # people with limited mobility and would need on-site vaccination
- Reach out to regular contracted pharmacy about booster doses
- 3 pharmacy options
 - 1) Distribution model
 - 2) Retail stores
 - 3) On-site clinics

Pharmacy options for COVID19 vaccines

- 1) Distribution model
 - Pharmacy supplies vaccines -> facility staff vaccinate
 - LTC pharmacies contact info: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/participating-ltc-pharmacy-list.pdf
 - Some pharmacies are willing to add new facilities. Facilities can reach out to LTC pharmacy directly to inquire.
- 2) Retail stores
 - Residents/staff make individual appointments -> go to pharmacy stores
 - Some public health resources to help with transportation if needed
- 3) On-site clinics
 - Facility requests regular or nearby pharmacy for on-site clinic -> if approved, then facility coordinates logistics directly with pharmacy
 - May have minimum #beds or #doses

CDC: COVID-19 Vaccine Access in Long-term Care Settings

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html



The U.S. Food & Drug Administration has not yet authorized COVID-19 vaccine booster doses, and CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has not yet made a recommendation on booster doses for people living and working in LTC settings. CDC will update this webpage when new information is available.

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The federal government is committed to ensuring that residents and staff in long-term care (LTC) settings, such as nursing homes, assisted living, residential care communities, group homes and senior housing have access to COVID-19 vaccines to receive primary series and booster doses (if approved by the US Food and Drug Administration [FDA] and recommended by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices [ACIP]).



[Information About COVID-19 Vaccines for LTC Residents and Family Members](#)

The goal is to continue to protect those who are disproportionately affected by COVID-19—especially residents of LTC settings. All LTC settings that request assistance in accessing COVID-19 vaccines for their residents and staff will receive the support they need.

CDC: Info for LTCF administrators

Long-term Care Administrators and Managers: Options for Coordinating Access to COVID-19 Vaccines

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Long-term care (LTC) providers in settings such as nursing homes, assisted living, residential care communities, group homes, and senior housing are encouraged to consider the option that works best for their residents and staff when coordinating access to COVID-19 vaccines — for both the COVID-19 primary series and booster doses.

On this page, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides information and resources to help you when coordinating access to COVID-19 vaccines on-site or in the local community.

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships/administrators-managers.html

