

Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility



California COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Refer to these additional resources for specific eligibility criteria listed in the [COVID19 Vaccine Eligibility chart](#). Information is subject to change as guidance is updated.

Primary Series for Ages 5+

COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 5 years and older.

- [Preferential Recommendation for mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#) (WSSSRW)
- [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Approved or Authorized in the United States](#) (CDC)
- [Guidance for Vaccination During Pregnancy](#) (CDPH)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines While Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#) (CDC)
- [Considerations for Vaccination of People with Certain Underlying Medical Conditions](#) (CDC)
- [Requirement that COVID-19 immunization providers request patients' email addresses and mobile phone numbers for the State's Immunization Registry](#) (State Public Health Officer Order, CDPH)

State Public Health Officer Orders and Requirements for Work or Institutional Settings:

- [Adult Care Facilities and Direct Care Worker Vaccine Requirement](#) (State Public Health Officer Order, CDPH)
- [Requirements for Visitors in Acute Health Care and Long-Term Care Settings](#) (State Public Health Officer Order, CDPH)
- [State and Local Correctional Facilities and Detention Centers Health Care Worker Vaccination Requirement](#) (State Public Health Officer Order, CDPH)
- [Vaccine Verification for Workers in Schools](#) (State Public Health Officer Order, CDPH)
- [Upcoming Requirements for School](#) (Governor's Announcement)
- [Health Care Worker Vaccine Requirement](#) (State Public Health Officer Order, CDPH)
- [Cruise Ship Operators: Minimum Recommended Standards for Local Agreements under CDC's Conditional Sailing Order](#) (CDPH)
- [Revisions to the COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards](#) (Cal/OSHA)

Additional Dose for Immunocompromised

Those aged 5 years and older with moderate to severe immunocompromise and who received an mRNA primary series **should** get an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 28 days after the 2nd dose of mRNA vaccine. Qualification for the vaccine is based on the self-attestation of a medical condition.

- [COVID-19 Third Dose for Immunocompromised 5+ Year Olds](#) (CDC)
- [Additional Dose Recommendation](#) (Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised People](#) (CDC)

This includes people who have:

- 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

Booster Dose

Age 12-17 Years

Persons 12-17 years of age should receive a single booster dose or **Pfizer-BioNTech** COVID-19 vaccine at least 5 months after completion of the initial vaccine series, which consists of 2 doses of the Pfizer vaccine or 3 doses of Pfizer for immunocompromised individuals.

- [CDPH & Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup Statement \(Boosters for ages 12-17\)](#)
- [FDA News Release: Expand Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup Statement \(Boosters for ages 16-17\)](#)
- [CDC Press Release Booster Expansion for 16-and-17-year-olds](#)
- CDC Booster Dose Guidance: [For the Public](#) | [For Providers](#)

Age 18+ Years

A single COVID-19 vaccine booster dose is recommended for persons 18 years of age or older. The booster dose can be received after completion of the primary vaccine series. The primary vaccine series consists of consists 1 dose of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine or 2 doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. A

third primary dose of mRNA vaccine is indicated for immunocompromised individuals. Any of the available COVID-19 vaccines can be used for the booster dose. Recipients of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine should receive a booster at least 2 months after primary vaccination. Recipients of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines should receive a booster dose at least 5 months after primary vaccination.

- CDC Booster Dose Guidance: [For the Public](#) | [For Providers](#)
- [Shortened Booster Interval for Moderna \(FDA\)](#)

Special and Priority Populations

- [Guidance for Vaccinating Older Adults and People with Disabilities: Ensuring Equitable COVID-19 Vaccine Access \(CDC\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Access in Long-term Care Settings](#) (Administration for Community Living)
- [Health Equity Consideration and Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups](#) (CDC)
- [Interim Guidance for Health Departments: COVID-19 Vaccination Implementation for People Experiencing Homelessness](#) (CDC)
- [People with Certain Medical Conditions](#) at increased risk of infection and severe illness (CDC)
- [Underlying Medical Conditions Associated with High Risk for Severe COVID-19: Information for Healthcare Providers](#) (CDC)
- [Employees at Increased Risk for COVID-19 Exposure and Transmission](#) (CDC)

Additional Resources:

- [CDPH Guidance](#)
- [Safer at Work \(California State Website\)](#)
- [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Guidance and Resources](#)
- [CDC Guidance Documents](#)