WHEN SHOULD I GET MY SECOND DOSE OF PFIZER OR MODERNA?

If you receive a Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, the recommended timing of your 2nd dose depends on your situation, including your risk of severe COVID-19 and of getting infected before your 2nd dose.

Who Should Get a Second Dose 3 to 4 Weeks Later:

A shorter interval between the first and second doses is typically recommended for people who are:

- living, working or traveling where there is high community spread of COVID-19
- 5-11 years old
- 12 years and older and moderately or severely immunocompromised
- 65 years and older
- at higher risk for severe COVID-19

Who May Get a Second Dose Up to 8 weeks Later:

An 8-week interval may be preferable for some people ages 12 years and older, especially for males ages 12 to 39 years.

Myocarditis is rare but most likely to occur in males age 12 to 39 years. More time between doses might further reduce the risk of myocarditis and increase protection against COVID-19.

For more information, view the COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule on the CDC website.