

# COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

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Changes to the document from the previous version are highlighted in yellow.

**Effective Immediately: Iowa healthcare providers may begin administering a single booster dose of Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to anyone 18 years and older**

## **IMPORTANT/NEW COVID-19 Vaccine Information**

- ACIP Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters
- Top priority should be continued vaccination of unvaccinated individuals

### **ACIP Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Boosters in Persons with a Complete mRNA Series**

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) expanded recommendations for booster shots to now include all adults ages 18 years and older who received a primary mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna). In addition, ACIP updated recommendations for the groups who *should* receive a booster dose at least six months after completing the primary mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series to include:

- People ages 50 and older
- Residents ages 18 years and older in long-term care settings

The FDA amended the emergency use authorizations (EUA) for both the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines authorizing use of a single booster dose for all individuals 18 years of age and older after completion of primary vaccination with any FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine. **Top priority should be continued vaccination of unvaccinated individuals.**

### **Effective immediately, CDC recommends:**

- Persons who *should* receive a COVID-19 booster dose:
  - Ages 50 years and older who received an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine primary series
  - Aged  $\geq 18$  years and reside in long-term care settings who received an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine primary series
- Persons who *may* receive a COVID-19 booster dose:
  - Ages **18 years and older** who received an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine primary series based on **individual benefit and risk**, at least 6 months after primary series, under the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization

### **COVID-19 vaccine booster dose in persons who received a Janssen COVID-19 vaccine primary dose**

- Persons aged  $\geq 18$  years who received primary vaccination with Janssen COVID-19 vaccine should receive a single COVID-19 vaccine booster dose at least 2 months later.

**Recommendations for Booster Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine**

<p>IF YOU RECEIVED <b>Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna</b></p> <hr/> <p>You <b>should</b> get a booster if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ages 50 years and older</li> <li>• Ages 18 years and older and live in a <a href="#">long-term care setting</a></li> </ul> <p>You <b>may</b> get a booster if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ages 18 years and older</li> </ul> <p><b>When to get a booster:</b> At least 6 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series</p> <p><b>Which booster should you get?</b> <a href="#">Any of the COVID-19 vaccines</a> authorized in the United States</p>	<p>IF YOU RECEIVED <b>Johnson &amp; Johnson’s Janssen</b></p> <hr/> <p>You <b>should</b> get a booster if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">18 years or older</a></li> </ul> <p><b>When to get a booster:</b> At least 2 months after your shot.</p> <p><b>Which booster should you get?</b> <a href="#">Any of the COVID-19 vaccines</a> authorized in the United States can be used for the booster dose.</p>
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Any FDA-approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Janssen) can be used for booster dose, regardless of vaccine received for primary series.

**Additional Resources:**

- [Updated Interim Clinical Considerations](#)
- [Booster webpage](#) for the public
- [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained](#)
- [News Release: FDA Authorizes Booster Dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Certain Populations](#)

**V-Safe After Vaccination Health Checker**

V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after an individual receives a COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe web pages feature information on how to register and complete a v-safe health check-in (including step-by-instructions with images), troubleshooting, FAQs, and contact information for technical support. These web pages will be continuously updated with additional resources.

- V-safe information sheet and poster: Posted on the Vaccine webpage and available in 5 languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, and Simplified Chinese
- [V-safe after vaccination health checker website](#)
- [V-Safe Print Resources](#)
- [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#)