

## Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine – Expanded emergency use authorization

- On January 7, 2022, the [FDA announced](#) expanded emergency use authorization (EUA) for the [Moderna COVID-19 vaccine](#), a single Moderna COVID-19 vaccine booster dose (0.25 mL) may be administered at least 5 months after completing a primary series of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 18 years of age or older.
  - Previously, the single Moderna COVID-19 vaccine booster dose could be administered at least 6 months after completing a primary series.
- The EUA for a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at 5 months is based on shortening the length of time between completion of a primary series and a booster dose may help reduce waning immunity.
- This action also brings consistency in the timing for administration of a booster dose among the available mRNA vaccines. The Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is authorized to be given as a single booster dose at least 5 months after completing a primary series.
- Below is a useful chart from the FDA that summarizes current booster authorizations for all three COVID-19 vaccines:

**Do I qualify for a COVID-19 vaccine booster and which one?**

Which primary vaccine series did you complete?	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	Janssen (J&J)
<b>You can get a booster if:</b>	It's been at least 5 months since completing a primary series AND you are:	It's been at least 5 months since completing a primary series AND you are:	It's been at least 2 months since completing primary vaccination AND you are:
	Age 12+	Age 18+	Age 18+
<b>If eligible, you can get a booster of:</b>	Pfizer-BioNTech* Moderna Janssen (J&J) <small>*Only Pfizer-BioNTech can be used as a booster in those age 12-17.</small>	Moderna Pfizer-BioNTech Janssen (J&J)	Janssen (J&J) Pfizer-BioNTech Moderna

For more information, visit [www.fda.gov/covid19vaccines](https://www.fda.gov/covid19vaccines).

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- The recommended dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for a single booster dose in individuals 18 years of age and older is 0.25 mL intramuscularly (IM) administered at least 5 months after completing a primary series.
  - The primary series for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is given as 2 doses of 0.5 mL IM 28 days apart.

### What's Next:

- The CDC Director must approve the recommendations before they become official, and she is expected to do so soon



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