

Vaccination is Recommended for People Aged 6 months and Older

The CDC recommends that all individuals aged 6 months and older receive COVID-19 vaccination — to prevent hospitalization and death

Vaccine Options

Pfizer-BioNTech

- The Pfizer 2-dose series (two doses, three weeks apart), also known as Comirnaty, has been fully approved by the FDA for persons aged 16 years and older.
 - » The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine has FDA Emergency Use Authorization for use in persons aged 5-15 years.
- The Pfizer 3-dose series (second dose given three weeks after first dose, third dose given eight weeks after second dose) has FDA Emergency Use Authorization for use in persons aged 6 months to 4 years.



Moderna

- The Moderna 2 dose-series (two doses, four weeks apart), also known as Spikevax, has been fully approved by the FDA for persons aged 18 and older.
 - » The Moderna vaccine has FDA Emergency Use Authorization for use in persons aged 6 months to 17 years.

Boosters

Immunity against disease and infection naturally wanes over time. A booster dose is a normal part of most vaccine series to ensure a person maintains optimal immunity against infection from a disease. Booster doses enhance protection against severe COVID-19, restoring immunity that might have faded since the first doses were given. mRNA vaccines are preferred for first booster doses and the only available option for second booster doses. Eligibility includes people:

- Aged 5 and older should receive a first booster dose. Only Pfizer is eligible for booster doses for those aged 5-17
- Aged 12 and older and immunocompromised should receive a first and second booster dose. Only Pfizer is eligible for booster doses for those aged 5-17
- Aged 18 and older who received two doses of Johnson & Johnson should receive a first booster dose and can receive a second booster dose
- Aged 50 and older should receive a second booster dose

For more information on dosing intervals, please see [CDPH's COVID-19 Vaccine Timing by Age](#).

Additional information is available on the CDPH COVID-19 Booster website.

