

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose Update

On September 24, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC) endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' recommendation for a booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in certain populations and also recommended a booster dose for those in high risk occupational and institutional settings.

This [updated interim guidance](#) from the CDC allows for millions of Americans who are at highest risk for COVID-19 to receive a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster shot to help increase their protection.

CDC recommends the following:

- People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series.
- People aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series.
- People aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.
- People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

Many of the people who are now eligible to receive a booster shot received their initial vaccine early in the vaccination effort and will benefit from additional protection. With the Delta variant's dominance as the circulating strain of the COVID-19 virus, a booster shot can help strengthen protection against severe disease in those populations who are at high-risk for exposure to COVID-19 or the complications from severe disease.

The CDC will continue to monitor the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines to ensure appropriate recommendations to keep all Americans safe. The CDC indicates that they will also evaluate with similar urgency available data in the coming weeks to make additional recommendations for other populations or people who received the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine or the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.