COVID-19 Vaccines

Why get the COVID-19 vaccine?
The vaccines have safely protected millions of people from getting very sick, hospitalized, or dying from COVID. The benefits you gain from the vaccine outweigh the risks of getting COVID.

COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots recommended for most people.

The Pfizer vaccine is available for both children and adults:
- Children ages 6 months to 4 years can get 2 doses, 3 weeks apart, and a 3rd dose 8 weeks later. All 3 doses are required to complete the series.
- People ages 5 to 11 years can get 2 doses, 3 weeks apart and a booster shot 5 months later.
- People ages 12 years and older can get 2 doses, 3 weeks apart, and a booster shot 2 months later.

The Moderna vaccine is available for both children and adults:
- Children ages 6 months to 11 years can get 2 doses, 4 weeks apart.
- People ages 12 years and older can get 2 doses, 4 weeks apart, and a booster dose 2 months later.

The Novavax vaccine is available for both children and adults:
- People ages 12 years and older can get 2 doses, 3 weeks apart, and a booster dose 2 months later.

The Johnson and Johnson (J&J) vaccine is available for adults:
- Adults 18 and older can get 1 dose and then a booster shot 2 months later.

If you are immunocompromised, you should get an extra primary dose.
A 3 dose primary series with an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) is recommended for immunocompromised people. People who should get an extra dose are people who:
- Have a weakened immune system
- Have cancer
- Have had an organ or stem cell transplant
- Have HIV
- Have chronic conditions such as diabetes or heart, liver, kidney, and lung diseases.
If you think you might be in this group, please talk with a doctor or medical provider.

Who can get the Omicron booster shot?
You can get the Omicron booster if you are 12 years or older and:
- It has been 2 months or longer since you finished your primary series
- It has been 2 months or longer since your 1st or 2nd booster dose
Children ages 5–11 years can get the original booster 5 months after finishing their primary series.
Vaccine Schedule for Most People

People ages 6 months to 4 years
- Moderna: 2 Primary doses, 4 weeks
- Pfizer: 3 Primary doses, 3 weeks, 8 weeks

People ages 5 to 11 years
- Moderna: 2 Primary doses, 4 weeks
- Pfizer: 2 Primary doses, 3 weeks, 5 months, Booster

People ages 12 years and older
- Moderna: 2 Primary doses, 4 weeks, 2 months, Omicron Booster
- Pfizer: 2 Primary doses, 3 weeks, 2 months, Omicron Booster
- Novavax: 2 Primary doses, 3 weeks, 2 months, Omicron Booster

People ages 18 years and older with Johnson and Johnson
- 1 Primary dose, 2 months, Omicron Booster
Vaccine Schedule for Immunocompromised

People ages 6 months to 4 years
- **Moderna**
  - 3 Primary doses
  - 4 weeks → 4 weeks
- **Pfizer**
  - 3 Primary doses
  - 3 weeks → 8 weeks

People ages 5 to 11 years
- **Moderna**
  - 3 Primary doses
  - 4 weeks → 4 weeks
- **Pfizer**
  - 3 Primary doses
  - 3 weeks → 4 weeks → 3 months

People ages 12 years and older
- **Moderna**
  - 3 Primary doses
  - 4 weeks → 4 weeks → 2 months
  - Omicron Booster
- **Pfizer**
  - 3 Primary doses
  - 3 weeks → 4 weeks → 2 months
  - Omicron Booster
- **Novavax**
  - 2 Primary doses
  - 3 weeks → 2 months
  - Omicron Booster

People ages 18 years and older with
Johnson and Johnson
- 2 Primary doses
  - 4 weeks → 2 months
It has been 2 months or longer since your last booster dose.

It has been 2 months or longer since you finished your primary series.

OR

It has been 2 months or longer since your last booster dose.

What if I recently had COVID?
People who are eligible for the Omicron booster but who had COVID recently can choose to delay their booster for 3 months after they were infected.

Visit vaccinenm.org to register and to find a vaccine near you.