



Additional COVID-19 Booster Dose for Ages 50+ and Immunocompromised

Following FDA authorization, the CDC has approved the administration of an additional (second) booster dose of either the Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 50 years of age or older, as well as for certain immunocompromised individuals, following completion of a three-dose primary vaccination series.

The CDC approval following FDA authorization is as follows:

- A second booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered to individuals 50 years of age and older at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.
- A second booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered to individuals 12 years of age and older with certain kinds of immunocompromise at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine. These are people who have undergone solid organ transplantation, or who are living with conditions that are considered to have an equivalent level of immunocompromise.
- A second booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered at least 4 months after the first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 18 years of age and older with the same certain kinds of immunocompromise.
- Adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months ago may now receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.
- The FDA-authorized Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and the FDA-approved Comirnaty can be used to provide the authorized booster dose(s). Similarly, the FDA-authorized Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the FDA-approved Spikevax are authorized to provide the authorized booster dose(s)

There may be some benefit to waiting until cases trend upwards to avoid waning immune response ahead of a spike. Patients with questions are encouraged to speak with their healthcare providers.

Insurance considerations:

On **April 5, 2022, at 11:59 pm ET**, the Uninsured Program and Coverage Assistance Fund will stop accepting vaccination claims due to a lack of sufficient funds. Any vaccine administration claims submitted in the HRSA Portal after April 5, 2022, will not be adjudicated for payment. Confirmation of receipt of your claim submission does not mean the claim will be paid.

For a more detailed explanation, information, and possible additional resources, please see [COVID-19 Uninsured Program Claims Submission Deadline FAQs](#).

Please send questions to COVIDVaccines@dhec.sc.gov.