



COVID-19 Bivalent Vaccine Guide for PCPs

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As of 5/11, the CDC has updated recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines and no longer recommends monovalent boosters. Additionally, the J&J/Janssen is no longer recommended nor available in the U.S. This guide includes additional details on recommendations for COVID-19 bivalent vaccines.

Quick Links:

[CDC Recommendations on COVID-19 Boosters \(6/7/2023\)](#)

[CDC Recommendations on COVID-19 Boosters for Immunocompromised \(5/31/2023\)](#)

[CDC Interim Clinical Recommendations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines \(5/12/2023\)](#)

[AMA COVID-19 Vaccine CPT Codes](#)

Bivalent Recommendations for non-Immunocompromised Populations

If you received:	Who should get a booster?	When to get a booster?	How many total bivalent doses?
Pfizer	6 months and older	At least 2 months after completing the primary series	<u>6 mo - 4 yrs</u> : 3 total bivalent doses <u>5+</u> : 1 total bivalent dose
Moderna	6 months and older	At least 2 months after completing the primary series	<u>6 mon - 5 yrs</u> : 2 total bivalent doses <u>6+</u> : 1 total bivalent dose
Novavax	12 years and older	At least 2 months after completing the primary series	<u>12+</u> : 1 total bivalent dose

New Recommendations

The CDC's newest recommendations provide the above guidelines and also advise that healthcare providers may recommend an additional bivalent dose for individuals that are 65+ or individuals that are moderately or severely immunocompromised. See additional information on recommendations for these populations on the [CDC website here](#).

Bivalent: Mixing and Matching

Authorization to use COVID-19 vaccines interchangeably from different manufacturers varies by vaccination history, age, and product as follows:

- **6 mon–4 yrs:** who are unvaccinated or received 1 or more doses of a monovalent mRNA vaccine can only receive bivalent mRNA vaccine dose(s) from the same manufacturer
- **5 yrs:** who are unvaccinated or received 1 or more doses of monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine or monovalent Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine can receive either bivalent Moderna or bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech
- **6 yrs and older:** who are unvaccinated or received 1 or more doses of any monovalent COVID-19 vaccine can receive either bivalent Moderna or bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech

FAQs

What is the difference between being "fully vaccinated" and being "up to date"?

- Individuals are "fully vaccinated" when they have completed only a primary series based on your age, health status, and vaccine type. Individuals are "up to date," when you have received all COVID-19 vaccine dose(s) recommended by the CDC

If I only have monovalent COVID-19 vaccines, can I provide those to patients eligible for a bivalent dose?

- No, administration of a monovalent COVID-19 vaccines is now considered a vaccine administration error and must be reported to VAERS

If a patient has only obtained the primary series, do they need to obtain a monovalent booster before seeking a bivalent booster?

- No, monovalent boosters are no longer authorized nor recommended.

How can I use ImmuTrack (aka the CRISP Vaccine Tracker) to assist with outreaching to my patients that need vaccines?

- ImmuTrack is a CRISP tools that can help you with identifying your patients who are not up-to-date. Review the [MDPCP Vaccine Tracker Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions.

Ordering Reminders

COVID-19 vaccine ordering occurs via ImmuNet on **Thursdays between 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**. For any questions or issues regarding orders please view the [ImmuNet Ordering Guide](#) or contact mdh.covidvax@maryland.gov.

FDA Fact Sheets

- [Pfizer Bivalent Fact Sheet](#)
- [Moderna Bivalent Fact Sheet](#)
- [Novavax Fact Sheet](#)