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Subject: Booster Recommendations for Modern and J&J Recipients



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dear COVID Vaccine Providers,

As you are likely aware, the FDA and CDC have expanded the authorization and recommendations related to booster doses. After yesterday's ACIP meeting, the CDC director has endorsed the ACIP recommendations for booster shots of COVID-19 vaccines. Connecticut DPH embraces these recommendations and looks forward to continuing to work with all of you, as providers, to administer these booster doses in a timely manner over the next weeks and months.

We expect to have updated, detailed clinical considerations available from the CDC in the next days, and we will relay these to you in a timely manner. However, at this time, the CDC recommendations are summarized below and providers may begin administration in line with these recommendations and any forthcoming clinical considerations.

For individuals who received an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna)

For individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in [long-term care settings](#)
- Age 18+ who have [underlying medical conditions](#)
- Age 18+ who work or live in [high-risk settings](#)

For individuals who received a J&J vaccine

For individuals who received a J&J vaccine, booster shots are recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago. This means that all individuals who received a J&J vaccine should receive a booster.

Mixing & Matching (heterologous series)

Both the FDA and CDC support individuals to receive a booster dose that is a different vaccine type than they originally received for their primary series if they choose. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.