

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Differences between each COVID-19 Vaccine

	AGES	APPROVAL	BOOSTER DOSE	EFFECTIVE AND SAFE	NO COST
Pfizer (Comirnaty)	12 and older	12-15 years Emergency Use Authorization 16 and older FDA Approval	✓*	✓	✓
Moderna	18 and older	Emergency Use Authorization	✓***	✓	✓
Johnson & Johnson	18 and older	Emergency Use Authorization	✗	✓	✓

* A Pfizer booster dose has been approved for people who are over 65, have certain underlying medical conditions, or those who have a high risk of transmission or infection due to their occupational or institutional status.

** An additional dose of Moderna has only been approved for individuals who are immunocompromised.

For a list of underlying medical conditions or immunocompromised information, visit www.nj.gov/health

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Pfizer

- **Approved for 12 years and older**
 - FDA approved for people 16 years and older
 - Emergency Use Authorization for ages 12 – 15 years old
- Two shot series: 1st & 2nd doses **21 days apart**
- **Booster dose (can be given at least 6 months after 2nd dose)**
 - people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings;
 - people age 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster shot;
 - people age 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster shot, based on their individual benefits and risks, and
 - people aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional settings, including healthcare workers, may receive a booster shot, based on their individual benefits and risks.
- **Underlying Medical Conditions;**
 - Cancer
 - Chronic Kidney Disease
 - Chronic Lung Disease
 - Dementia or other neurological conditions
 - Diabetes
 - Down Syndrome
 - Heart Conditions
 - HIV Infection
 - Immunocompromised state
 - Liver Disease
 - Overweight/Obesity
 - Pregnancy
 - Sickle Cell Disease
 - Smoking (Current or Former)
 - Solid Organ or Blood Stem Cell Transplant
 - Stroke or Cerebrovascular Disease
 - Substance Use Disorders

Moderna

- **Approved for 18 years and older**
 - Emergency Use Authorization for ages 18 and older
- Two shots series: 1st and 2nd doses **28 days apart**
- **Booster dose – only approved for moderately to severely immunocompromised (can be given at least 28 days after 2nd dose)**
- Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised;
 - Recipients of active cancer treatment for tumors or blood cancers
 - Moderate to severe primary immunodeficiency
 - Organ transplant recipients who are taking immune-suppressing medications
 - Stem cell recipients (in the past 2 years)
 - Advanced or untreated HIV patients
 - Patients undergoing active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other immune-suppressing medications

Johnson & Johnson

- **Approved for 18 years and older**
 - Emergency Use Authorization for ages 18 and older
- Single shot
- **Booster dose – not approved at the present time.**