

Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine Updates for Pharmacists

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Pharmacist Toolkit

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has created an online [pharmacist toolkit](#). This resource includes updated information (including facts About COVID-19, common terms, and talking points for pharmacists), as well as posters, flyers, and social media messaging. Get the toolkit at <https://wecandothis.hhs.gov/resource/pharmacists-toolkit>.

CDC & Western States Issue Multiple Recommendations Regarding mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters and Additional Doses

The CDC and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup (WSSSRW) have issued several recent recommendations to expand the use of the COVID-19 vaccine mRNA vaccines.

Expanding Pfizer Booster Vaccine Eligibility to Individuals 12+ Years

Persons 12-to-17-years-old should get a Pfizer booster shot 5 months after their primary Pfizer vaccine series.

- [FDA Pfizer Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) update announcement](#)
- [CDC statement and guidance](#)
- [WSSSRW statement](#)

Decrease the mRNA Booster Interval from 6 Months to 5 Months

Individuals 12-years and older who initially received an mRNA vaccine series (two doses of Moderna for those 18-years-of-age and older or two doses of Pfizer-BioNTech for those 12-years-of-age and older) can now receive an mRNA booster shot 5 months after completing their initial series.

- [FDA Moderna EUA update announcement](#)
- [CDC statement](#)

Add an Additional Pfizer Dose for Immunocompromised Children 5-to-11-Years-Old

Immunocompromised children ages 5-to-11 should receive an additional dose of Pfizer vaccine 28 days after their second shot.

- [CDC guidance](#)

CDPH Resources:

- Updated [COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Chart](#)
- Updated [Guidance for COVID-19 Eligibility](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Resources for Pharmacists](#)

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