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Everyone Ages 5 Years and Older Should Receive a COVID-19 Booster Dose

Canton, NY— As of May 19th, 2022 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a COVID-19 booster dose for everyone 5 years and older at least 5 months after the second dose. COVID-19 vaccine boosters can further enhance or restore protection that might have decreased over time after your primary series vaccination. People are protected best from severe COVID-19 illness when they stay up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines, which includes getting all recommended boosters when eligible. It is never too late to get the added protection offered by a COVID-19 booster or primary series.

What does it mean to be “up to date” with COVID-19 vaccines?

The CDC strengthened its recommendation for immunocompromised people age 12 and older as well as people 50 and older to say that all who are eligible *should* get a second booster dose of mRNA vaccine. CDC’s definition of “up to date” for those populations now includes the administration of a second booster dose.

As a reminder individuals who do not need to quarantine are those who are up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses when eligible or those who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days. Since the definition of up to date has changed, it is important to know whether you meet quarantine requirements if you are not up to date with booster doses.

Number of booster doses for people who are NOT moderately or severely immunocompromised:

- All people ages 5 years and older should receive 1 booster of an age-appropriate COVID-19 vaccine; an mRNA vaccine is preferred.
- People ages 18-49 years who received Janssen COVID-19 vaccine as both their primary series and booster dose may receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months after the Janssen booster dose.
- People ages 50 years and older should receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months after the first booster dose.

Who is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine?

	1st Dose	2nd Dose	Booster Dose	Additional Booster Dose
Children ages 5-11	Pediatric Pfizer	Pediatric Pfizer	Pediatric Pfizer (due 5 months after primary series)	X
12 years and older	Pfizer	Pfizer	Pfizer (due 5 months after primary series)	X
18 years and older	Pfizer, Moderna, or J&J (J&J is single dose)	Pfizer or Moderna	Pfizer, Moderna, or J&J (due 5 months after primary series)	X
Adults ages 50+ - OR- 12 years and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised	Pfizer, Moderna, or J&J	Pfizer or Moderna	Pfizer, Moderna, or J&J (due 5 months after primary series)	Pfizer or Moderna (4 months after first booster)

*Individuals who are immunocompromised may be eligible for an additional COVID-19 vaccination. For any questions regarding additional doses OR for other COVID-19 vaccination inquiries, contact your healthcare provider.

Through June, St. Lawrence County Public Health will be offering COVID-19 vaccines on Mondays 8:30AM-2:30PM & Thursdays 12:00PM-3:30PM. Walk-ins welcome as supply lasts. To schedule an appointment, individuals may register online. For registration assistance or to request a COVID-19 vaccination in the home, please call (315) 229-3452. Transportation to vaccination appointments is available through St. Lawrence County Transit– for additional information, please call (315) 386-2600.

If you have questions regarding COVID-19 or vaccinations, please talk with your healthcare provider or call St. Lawrence County Public Health (315) 386-2325.