

# Vaccine and Booster Guidance for people vaccinated against COVID-19 outside of the United States



**This guidance is for people who have received one or more COVID-19 vaccinations outside of the U.S.**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) accepts the following vaccines from other countries: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca/Vaxzevria, Covaxin, Covishield, BIBP/Sinopharm, Sinovac/CoronaVac, Novavax/Covovax/Nuvaxovid and Condivectia.

The only vaccines approved or authorized for use in the U.S. are Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson.

Vaccination History	Non-Immunocompromised, age 5+	OR	Immunocompromised, ages 5 -11	OR	Immunocompromised, ages 12 and up
Received all recommended primary doses of a CDC-accepted vaccine abroad	<p>Get a Pfizer* or Moderna booster dose at least 5 months after receiving the last dose of the CDC-accepted vaccine abroad.</p> <p>If you're 50 or older, you should get a second booster dose of Pfizer or Moderna four months after first booster dose.</p>		<p>Get a third dose of the Pfizer vaccine at least 28 days after receiving the last dose of the CDC-accepted vaccine abroad.</p> <p>Get a booster dose three months after receiving a third dose.</p>		<p>Get a third dose of the Pfizer* or Moderna vaccine at least 28 days after receiving the last dose of the CDC-accepted vaccine abroad.</p> <p>Then, a Pfizer* or Moderna booster dose at least 3 months later.</p> <p>Then four months later, should get a second booster dose of either Pfizer* or Moderna.</p>
Received one primary dose of a CDC-accepted vaccine abroad	<p>Get a dose of the Pfizer* or Moderna vaccine at least 28 days after receiving the CDC-accepted vaccine abroad.</p> <p>Then, a Pfizer* or Moderna booster dose at least 5 months later.</p> <p>If you're 50 or older, you should get a second booster dose of Pfizer or Moderna four months after first booster dose.</p>		<p>Get a dose of the pediatric Pfizer vaccine at least 28 days after receiving the CDC-accepted vaccine abroad.</p> <p>Then, an additional Pfizer vaccine dose at least 28 days later as a part of the primary vaccine series.</p> <p>Then three months later, should get a booster dose of Pfizer*.</p>		<p>Get a dose of the Pfizer* or Moderna vaccine at least 28 days after receiving the CDC-accepted vaccine abroad.</p> <p>Then, another dose of the Pfizer* or Moderna vaccine at least 28 days later.</p> <p>Then, a booster dose of the Pfizer* or Moderna vaccine at least 3 months later.</p> <p>Then four months later, should get a second booster dose of either Pfizer* or Moderna.</p>

\*Pfizer is the only vaccine approved or authorized in the U.S. for eligible minors under age 18. Children 5-11 receive a lower-dose pediatric Pfizer vaccine.

Vaccination History	Non-Immunocompromised, age 5+	OR	Immunocompromised, ages 5 -11	OR	Immunocompromised, ages 12 and up
Received a mix-and-match 2-dose primary series of CDC-accepted vaccines abroad and in the U.S.	<p>Get a Pfizer* or Moderna booster dose at least 5 months after receiving the second dose of the mix-and-match primary series.</p> <p>If you're 50 or older, you should get a second booster dose of Pfizer or Moderna four months after first booster dose.</p>		<p>Get a third dose of the pediatric Pfizer vaccine at least 28 days after receiving the second dose of the mix-and-match primary series.</p> <p>Get a pediatric Pfizer booster dose three months after receiving a third dose.</p>		<p>Get a third dose of the Pfizer* or Moderna vaccine at least 28 days after receiving the second dose of the mix-and-match primary series.</p> <p>Then, a Pfizer* or Moderna booster dose at least 3 months later.</p> <p>Then four months later, should get a second booster dose of either Pfizer* or Moderna.</p>
Received any number or combination of vaccines not accepted by the CDC	<p>Doses received do not count toward vaccination in the U.S. U.S. public health officials do not consider vaccines that are not accepted by the CDC to be effective.</p> <p>Start a primary series of a CDC-accepted vaccine in the U.S.* at least 28 days after the last dose of the vaccine received outside of the U.S.</p> <p>Then, a Pfizer* or Moderna booster dose at least 5 months after completion of the CDC-accepted* primary series.</p> <p>If you're 50 or older, you should get a second booster dose of Pfizer or Moderna four months after first booster dose.</p>		<p>Doses received do not count toward vaccination in the U.S. U.S. public health officials do not consider vaccines that are not accepted by the CDC to be effective. Start a 2-dose primary series of pediatric Pfizer* vaccine in the U.S.* at least 28 days after the last dose of the vaccine received outside of the U.S.</p> <p>Then, an additional (third) pediatric Pfizer vaccine dose at least 28 days later as a part of the primary vaccine series.</p> <p>Then three months later, should get a booster dose of Pfizer*.</p>		<p>Doses received do not count toward vaccination in the U.S. U.S. public health officials do not consider vaccines that are not accepted by the CDC to be effective. Start a primary series of a CDC-accepted vaccine in the U.S.* at least 28 days after the last dose of the vaccine received outside of the U.S.</p> <p>Then, an additional (third) mRNA vaccine dose (Moderna or Pfizer*) at least 28 days later as a part of the primary vaccine series.</p> <p>Then three months later, should get a booster dose of an mRNA vaccine.</p> <p>Then four months later, should get a second booster dose of an mRNA vaccine.</p>

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Vaccination History	Non-Immunocompromised, age 5+	OR	Immunocompromised, ages 5 -11	OR	Immunocompromised, ages 12 and up
Received a complete primary series of a CDC-accepted vaccine abroad, as well as a CDC-accepted booster dose in the U.S.	If you're 50 or older, you should get a second booster dose of Pfizer or Moderna four months after first booster dose.		No further doses recommended if have received an additional dose and a booster dose.  Second booster doses for immunocompromised children 5-11 are not recommended at this time.		Get a fourth dose of the Pfizer* or Moderna vaccine at least 3 months after the CDC-accepted* booster dose in the U.S.  Then four months later, should get a second booster dose of either Pfizer* or Moderna.

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