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**\*\* Emergency Use Authorization (Expanded Use) \*\***

**FDA Shortens Interval for Booster Dose of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to Five Months**

**Background & Current Status<sup>1,2,3</sup>:**

- On December 19, 2020, the U.S Food & Drug Administration (FDA) issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for prevention for COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 in individuals  $\geq 18$  years of age.
- On November 19, 2021, the FDA authorized the use of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine as a single booster dose in individuals 18 years of age or older at least 6 months after completing the primary series.
- On January 7, 2022, the FDA amended [the EUA](#) for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to shorten the time between the completion of primary vaccination of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and a booster dose to at least **five months**.** On January 7, 2022, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) also adjusted their recommendations for when people can receive a Moderna COVID-19 booster shot, shortening the interval from 6 months to 5 months.

**Vaccine Data<sup>1</sup>:**

**Booster interval updated to five months for people 18 years of age and older.**

The FDA is authorizing the use of a single booster dose with the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine five months after completion of the primary vaccination series. This follows the January 3, 2022 EUA update shortening the time between the completion of primary vaccination of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID -19 Vaccine and a booster dose to at least five months in patients 12 years of age and older.

**Table 1: Vaccine eligibility by vaccine manufacturer, age, and time since primary series completion.**

Primary vaccine series:	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	Janssen (J&J)
<i>Booster may be given if:</i>	It has been at least 5 months since completing a primary series and you are: Age 12+	It has been at least 5 months since completing a primary series and you are: Age 18+	It has been at least 2 months since completing a primary series and you are: Age 18+
<i>If eligible, may give a booster of:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pfizer-BioNTech*</li> <li>Moderna</li> <li>Janssen (J&amp;J)</li> </ul> <small>*Only Pfizer-BioNTech can be used as a booster in those aged 12-17 years</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pfizer-BioNTech</li> <li>Moderna</li> <li>Janssen (J&amp;J)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pfizer-BioNTech</li> <li>Moderna</li> <li>Janssen (J&amp;J)</li> </ul>

**\*\*Current EUA Fact Sheets<sup>4,5</sup>:**

As a convenience, Fact Sheets for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine are accessible below:

- ❖ [Healthcare Providers](#)
- ❖ [Recipients and Caregivers](#)

**References:**

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