

COVID-19 Vaccine Booster and Therapeutic Updates

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This week FDA, CDC, and Western States Scientific Workgroup have authorized a 4th dose of COVID-19 vaccine for certain individuals to provide more protection from severe outcomes from COVID-19. Efforts to increase the number of residents and staff who are up to date and boosted with their COVID-19 vaccines remain critical to preventing serious illness, hospitalizations, and deaths!

Boosters: Summary of CDC changes (updated March 30, 2022):

- Adults ages 50 years and older who are **not** moderately or severely immunocompromised may choose to receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months after the first booster dose.
- People ages 12 years and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may choose to receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months after the first booster dose.
- People ages 18–49 years who are **not** moderately or severely immunocompromised and who received Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine as both their primary series dose and booster dose may receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months after the first Janssen booster dose.

Those at highest risk for severe outcomes related to COVID-19 are individuals over 65 years old and individuals over 50 years old that have [underlying medical conditions](#). These are the individuals most likely to benefit from a second booster. Anyone over 50 years old MAY get a second booster. Healthcare providers should be consulted if there are any questions about eligibility, timing, or benefit to an individual. With the rise of the BA.2 omicron variant, all eligible residents in LTC settings would benefit from being fully vaccinated AND “boosted”. We will keep you up to date on changes as the CDC, in collaboration with FDA and our public health partners, continue to evaluate the need for additional booster doses for all Americans.

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Consonus is prepared to support our clients with vaccine, utilizing our VaccPack model. Once your facility is activated in the VaccPack program, your facility can order vaccine and utilize your nurse clinicians to vaccinate at your convenience. If your facility has previously utilized our Vaccine Software, orders for vaccine can be placed within the application. If you are unaware if your facility is activated or have questions, please reach out to your nurse/pharmacist consultant or email our Vaccine Coordinators at vaccineorders@consonushealth.com.

Thank you.

Reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html>