

California Department of Public Health

“Full Family Vaccination”

Week of Action Toolkit

For the first time, the majority of most California families, from our young kids to our grandparents, can have the same robust protection against COVID-19.

In light of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) recent authorizations of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11 and booster doses for most Californians over the age of 18, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is holding a **week of action** to encourage California families to vaccinate all eligible members.

CDPH thanks you for your continued partnership in bringing COVID-19 vaccines directly to the neighborhoods most affected by the pandemic. This toolkit is designed to help you communicate the importance of “full family vaccination” to the public, along with messaging about the ongoing vaccination efforts in California that will keep us moving forward.

The toolkit is intended to support the current communication efforts of community-based organizations (CBOs) across the state. In the pages that follow, you will find tools for communicating with your community about the COVID-19 vaccines.



Vaccinate **ALL 58**

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Engaging on Social Media

Social Media Materials

Below is sample content and best practices for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The social media posts have been designed for each platform to help educate, motivate, and activate your community to get vaccinated:

- **Educate:** Give Californians factual information to combat their concerns.
- **Motivate:** Demonstrate that “people like me” and “people I trust” are getting vaccinated.
- **Activate:** Encourage Californians to take action and get vaccinated.

Choose from the sample posts below to publish on each respective platform. Please be sure to include links to your local public health website. The content can be copied and pasted or adapted for your audience. Below these sample posts is guidance for drafting engaging content and managing your social media pages.

CDPH Content – Repost, Link, or Retweet

CDPH regularly publishes content that can be retweeted, reposted, or linked to on your own channels. Those posts can be found at:

- [California Department of Public Health Facebook](#)
- [California Department of Public Health Instagram](#)
- [California Department of Public Health Twitter](#)

Hashtags to Use

- #COVID19
- #VaccinesSaveLives
- #GetVaccinated
- #VaccinateALL58

You can also use or create your own hashtag. This will help local partners amplify your messages, feel connected to your efforts, and help residents easily access factual information on their social channels.

Sample Content

You can copy, paste, and customize the following content samples for these three social media platforms. In addition, below are free stock photos you can download and use to accompany your posts if needed:

- [Father washing hands with daughter](#)
- [Grandparents and grandchildren](#)
- [Family with jumping girl](#)
- [Family around dinner table](#)
- [Family making breakfast](#)

Educate: The Full Family Can Now Get Vaccinated

Facebook	Instagram	Twitter
<p>For the first time, the majority of most families – from our young kids to our grandparents, can have protection from the deadly COVID-19 virus.</p> <p>That's because children 5 and up are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine and many people 18+ are eligible for boosters , which means better protection from getting the virus and a less likely chance of spreading it to our vulnerable friends and family.</p> <p>All eligible members of the family should receive their #COVID19 vaccine so we can protect each other, gather together</p>	<p>*sigh of relief* </p> <p>For the first time, the majority of most families – from our young kids to our grandparents, can have protection from the deadly COVID-19.</p> <p>Getting vaccinated also means a lesser chance of spreading it to our vulnerable friends and family.</p> <p>Getting EVERYONE who is eligible either fully vaccinated or a booster means we can protect each other, gather together safely, and get back to doing the things we love.</p>	<p>For the first time, the majority of most families – from our young kids👦to our grandparents👴can have protection against COVID-19.</p> <p>All eligible members of the family should receive their #COVID19 vaccine or booster so we can protect each other & gather safely, TOGETHER!</p>

<p>safely, and get back to doing the things we love.</p> <p>#VaccinesSaveLives #GetVaccinated</p>		
<p>Did you know that #flu vaccines can be co-administered with the #COVID19 vaccine? Well they can!</p> <p>Visit us at (CLINIC NAME) today to get maximum protection heading into the winter months, so you can celebrate safely this winter season.</p> <p>@CaPublicHealth #GetVaccinated #VaccinesSaveLives</p>	<p>Did you know that #flu vaccines can be co-administered with the #COVID19 vaccine? They can! Visit us at (CLINIC NAME) today to get maximum protection heading into the winter months.</p> <p>Getting EVERYONE fully vaccinated means we can protect each other and celebrate this winter safely.</p> <p>@CaPublicHealth #GetVaccinated #VaccinesSaveLives</p>	<p>Did you know that #flu vaccines can be co-administered with the #COVID19 vaccine? They can! Visit us at (CLINIC NAME) today to get maximum protection heading into the winter months.</p>
<p>Even if you are fully vaccinated, you can play a part in keeping family members extra safe this winter season - get a #booster dose of the #COVID19 vaccine! Visit MyTurn.ca.gov to see if you're eligible today.</p> <p>Now that children 5 and older are eligible for the #COVID19 vaccine, the majority of the family -- from our young kids to our grandparents, can</p>	<p>Even fully vaccinated family members can play a part in keeping their family members extra safe this holiday season - get a #booster dose of the #COVID19 vaccine! Visit MyTurn.ca.gov to see if you're eligible today.</p> <p>@CaPublicHealth #GetVaccinated #VaccinesSaveLives</p>	<p>Even if you are fully vaccinated, you can play a part in keeping family members extra safe this holiday season - get a #booster dose of the #COVID19 vaccine! Visit MyTurn.ca.gov to see if you're eligible today.</p>

<p>have protection from this deadly virus.</p> <p>@CaPublicHealth #GetVaccinated #VaccinesSaveLives</p>		
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Educate: Winter Surge is Preventable

Facebook	Instagram	Twitter
<p>COVID-19 has not gone away. It is important that we continue to keep our communities safe this winter, by encouraging all eligible family members to receive their #COVID19 vaccine or booster and #flu vaccines. Then you can all celebrate safely, together!</p> <p>Now that children 5 and older are eligible for the #COVID19 vaccine, the majority of the family -- from our young kids to our grandparents, can have protection from this deadly virus.</p> <p>@CaPublicHealth #GetVaccinated #VaccinesSaveLives</p>	<p>❄️ Winter is Coming! ❄️</p> <p>COVID-19 has not gone away, and it is important that we continue to keep our families and communities safe this winter season..</p> <p>Now family members ages 5 and up are eligible for the #COVID19 vaccine. All eligible members of the family should receive their COVID-19 vaccine or booster so we can protect each other during the winter and celebrate the holidays safely, TOGETHER!</p> <p>#GetVaccinated #VaccinesSaveLives @CaPublicHealth</p>	<p>❄️ Winter is Coming! ❄️</p> <p>Protect your family and community by getting all eligible family members vaccinated or their booster</p> <p>#GetVaccinated to protect each other during the winter season.</p>

<p>Our youngest family members are not yet eligible for the #COVID19 vaccine, so wearing your face mask helps protect them from contracting the virus and becoming seriously ill. #Vaccines are the best tool we have to #EndThePandemic.</p> <p>All eligible members of the family should receive their COVID-19 vaccine so we can get back to doing the things we love.</p> <p>@CaPublicHealth #GetVaccinated #VaccinesSaveLives</p>	<p>Our youngest family members are not yet eligible for the #COVID19 vaccine, so wearing your face mask helps protect them from contracting the virus and becoming seriously ill.</p> <p>#Vaccines are the best tool we have to #EndThePandemic.</p> <p>@CaPublicHealth #GetVaccinated #VaccinesSaveLives</p>	<p>Our youngest family members are not yet eligible for the #COVID19 vaccine, so wearing your face mask helps protect them from contracting the virus and becoming seriously ill. #Vaccines are the best tool we have to #EndThePandemic.</p>
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Motivate: Community Spotlights

Featuring a photo of a community member such as: [example 1](#); [example 2](#)

Facebook	Instagram	Twitter
<p>(INSERT PICTURE OF COMMUNITY MEMBER)</p> <p>Meet (FIRST NAME OF PATIENT). She's a (EX: grandmother and farm worker) who lives in (NAME OF COMMUNITY).</p> <p>She just got her #COVID19 vaccine [OR</p>	<p>(INSERT PICTURE OF COMMUNITY MEMBER)</p> <p>(Insert Name) is getting vaccinated [OR BOOSTER] because "quote about why they are getting vaccinated."</p> <p>(Insert Name) knows that vaccines are one of our most powerful tools against #COVID19 and</p>	<p>(INSERT PICTURE OF COMMUNITY MEMBER)</p> <p>(Insert Name) is getting vaccinated [OR BOOSTER] because "quote about why they are getting vaccinated"</p> <p>(Insert Name) knows that vaccines allow the whole family -- from our young kids to our</p>

<p>BOOSTER] at a vaccination clinic at (NAME OF ORGANIZATION). (FIRST NAME OF PATIENT) says she got the vaccine because (INDICATE HER REASON, i.e.: she wants to protect her family, she wants to help stop the spread in her community).</p> <p>@CaPublicHealth #GetVaccinated #VaccinesSaveLives</p>	<p>allows the whole family -- from our young kids to our grandparents to celebrate the holiday season safely and together!</p> <p>@CaPublicHealth #GetVaccinated #VaccinesSaveLives</p>	<p>grandparents to celebrate the holiday season safely and together!</p> <p>@CaPublicHealth #GetVaccinated #VaccinesSaveLives</p>
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Activate: How to Get Vaccinated

Facebook	Instagram	Twitter
<p>Now that children 5 and older are eligible for the #COVID19 vaccine and fully vaccinated Californians 18+ may be eligible for boosters, the majority of the whole family – from our young kids to our grandparents, can have the best protection from this deadly virus.</p> <p>Let's get vaccinated together! Visit MyTurn.ca.gov or call 1-833-422-4255 to find a walk-in clinic near you or to schedule your family's vaccination appointments.</p>	<p>For the first time, the majority of the whole family (ages 5 & up) can get vaccinated or a booster for #COVID19.</p> <p>Let's get vaccinated so we can protect each other and celebrate the holidays safely.</p> <p>Visit MyTurn.ca.gov or call 1-833-422-4255 to find a walk-in clinic near you or to schedule your family's vaccination appointments.</p> <p>@CaPublicHealth #GetVaccinated #VaccinesSaveLives</p>	<p>Almost the whole family: from our young kids (5 & up) to our grandparents are eligible for #COVID19 vaccines. Let's #GetVaccinated!</p> <p>Visit MyTurn.ca.gov or call 1-833-422-4255 to find a clinic near you or to schedule your family's vaccination appointments. @CaPublicHealth</p>

@CaPublicHealth #GetVaccinated #VaccinesSaveLives		
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Tips for Engaging on Social Media

Facebook

You can share [California Department of Public Health Facebook posts](#) or choose one of the above to post. Facebook is a visual platform and has space for more long-form content. Posts that get high engagement on Facebook make it clear what they want users to know and what can be done about it, are thought provoking in a way that generates comments and shares, and are visually compelling.

Instagram

You can share [California Department of Public Health Instagram posts](#) to your Instagram Stories or choose one from above to post. When posting on Instagram, keep in mind that it is a visual-first platform. Posts with strong visuals have the highest engagement, such as infographics with local information or photos of people getting vaccinated (with consent to have their photo taken,) and vaccination sites. Posts should also include a call to action for people to engage.

Twitter

You can RT (retweet) [California Department of Public Health posts on Twitter](#) or choose one of the tweets above to post. Twitter is a fast-paced and reactive platform, perfect for rapid response on current events. Content that gets high engagement on Twitter has a clear and concise explanation (with a 280 character limit) about the issue, is tied to current events, and drives an explicit call to action.

What to Say on Websites and Emails

This section provides sample copy to share with residents and community members on your website or in emails. Website and email lists are an effective way of communicating key information and messages and providing updates on a regular cadence. This template can be updated as key information changes to reflect the latest vaccination data and eligibility criteria. The content below links to CDPH information but can be adjusted as needed to reflect the information most relevant to your jurisdiction.

Sample Content

Read this in: [Spanish - INSERT LINK], [Language 2 - INSERT LINK],
[Language 3 - INSERT LINK]

[CBO name] is committed to keeping you up to date on the most important news and information about COVID-19 vaccines. As this virus continues to impact our community, vaccines are the most important tool to end the pandemic. Our organization is working in partnership with the California Department of Public Health to vaccinate communities across the state and end the pandemic.

We want to let you know that all family members ages 5 and up are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. This is the first time that the majority of many families, from our young kids to our grandparents, can have the same robust protection against COVID-19.

For many fully vaccinated family members ages 18 and over, **boosters are now available.** Receiving a booster when eligible helps keep immunity strong and protects families and communities.

Let's get vaccinated for the winter holidays. Last year's winter surge was devastating in our state, but this year, we can all do our part to avoid preventable hospitalizations and death. By getting the whole family (ages 5 and up) vaccinated, we can protect each other and gather safely during the winter holidays.

Everything you need to know to make your family's appointments:

- **Is there a cost?** COVID-19 vaccinations are free for all Californians, regardless of immigration status, health insurance status, or background.
- **Where can I get vaccinated?** There are [#] vaccination sites throughout the county/city. See a list here [INSERT WEBSITE].
- **How do I schedule?** You can search and schedule available appointments by visiting MyTurn.ca.gov or by calling 1-833-422-4255.

Where can I learn more? You can learn more about the vaccines by visiting VaccinateALL58.com. You can also stay up to date on the latest news by following us on [Facebook - INSERT LINK], [Twitter - INSERT LINK], or [Instagram - INSERT LINK].

Talking Points to be Used in Conversations About the Vaccines (Virtually and In-Person)

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective in protecting your health.
- The vaccines are our most powerful tool against the pandemic.
- California is committed to equitable distribution.

The FDA's recent authorization of the Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5-11 is a game changer.

- For the first time, the majority of families, from our young kids to our grandparents, can have protection from this deadly virus.
- Now that family members 5 and up are all eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccine, getting everyone fully vaccinated means we can protect each other and keep our immunity against COVID-19 strong heading into a season of celebrations with family and friends.
 - Parents can breathe a sigh of relief that their kids can also be vaccinated against the deadly COVID-19 virus. This gets us a step closer to having the entire population of California eligible for the vaccine and finding our way out of this pandemic.

Getting Ahead of Winter

- Last year's winter surge was devastating in our state, and it is critical that ahead of the winter months all eligible members of the family receive their COVID-19 and flu vaccines so they're able to celebrate safely, together!
- COVID-19 has not gone away and vaccines remain the best tool we have to put the pandemic behind us and keep families and communities healthy.
 - Children ages 5-11 are now approved to begin their vaccination process;
 - Many youth ages 12-17 are ready to get their second dose and complete the vaccination process;
 - Adults ages 65+, and people in higher-risk categories are getting their booster doses to maintain protection;
 - Unvaccinated individuals age 5 and up are encouraged to get vaccinated today.
- California is leading the nation in COVID-19 vaccinations with more than 55 million administered and more than 74 percent of the eligible population having received at least one dose.

Flu Vaccines, COVID-19 Vaccines, and Boosters

- Annual flu vaccines can be co-administered with the COVID-19 vaccine. Flu vaccines are available to all individuals six months and older.
 - Visit [MyTurn.ca.gov/flu](https://myturn.ca.gov/flu) to schedule your appointment or find a walk-in clinic near you.
 - If you or members of your household are already fully vaccinated and have a health condition or work in a high-risk setting or occupation - you may be eligible to get a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine!
 - Johnson & Johnson boosters are available to all people age 18+ who received their first dose of the vaccine at least 2 months ago.
 - Pfizer and Moderna booster doses are available to all people age 18+ who received their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 6 months ago and feel they're at risk of getting COVID-19.
 - Even if you're fully vaccinated and received a booster dose, harm reduction precautions are still prudent to keep all Californians safe. Vaccines are not 100% effective, and our youngest community members are not yet eligible for the vaccine, so taking harm reduction precautions such as wearing a face mask helps protect them from contracting COVID-19 and becoming seriously ill.
 - Talk to your child's pediatrician or healthcare provider or visit [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) to make an appointment, find a walk-in clinic near you, and learn if you're eligible for a booster dose.
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General Vaccination Talking Points

- The COVID-19 vaccine is free for all Californians regardless of insurance and immigration status.
- The science and data – now inclusive of younger children – continue to speak loud and clear: These free, safe and effective vaccines will help kids fend off the worst outcomes of this infectious virus, including the highly contagious Delta variant.
- With more of our loved ones able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, we can take comfort in knowing children aged 5 and over are protected and our communities are moving closer toward immunity.

- All Californians are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated or complete their vaccination series, get a booster when eligible, and get a flu vaccine, which can be administered at the same time as a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Individuals should receive a vaccine even if they've already had COVID-19. Evidence is emerging that people get better protection by being fully vaccinated compared with having had COVID-19 and recovering.
 - One [study](#) showed that unvaccinated people who already had COVID-19 are more than two times as likely than fully vaccinated people to get COVID-19 again.
- Remember to keep your COVID-19 vaccination card in a safe place to prevent loss or damage.
 - The [Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record](#) (DCVR) portal gives you a digital copy of this record. If you've lost your paper card, print out your digital record. You can use it at any place where you would show your paper card.
- Call us at [\[INSERT\]](#) to make an appointment or schedule through [MyTurn.ca.gov](#).

Remember, your actions continue to save lives. Wear a mask, wash your hands, keep your distance, and get vaccinated.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

GENERAL:

Q: Who can get vaccinated against COVID-19?

A: The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) recommends that all individuals age 5 and older receive a COVID-19 vaccination. It is your choice to get vaccinated, and you can choose which vaccine you receive. Your decisions will not change your standard medical care.

Q: Does my family have options for which COVID-19 vaccines we'd receive?

A: Currently, the Pfizer vaccine is offered for all individuals 5 years and older. Both the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available to those 18 years and older.

Q: How much do the COVID-19 vaccines cost?

A: Nothing. COVID-19 vaccines and their administration are free to the public.

Q: Myself or my child already had COVID-19. Should I still receive the vaccine?

A: Yes. Research has not yet shown how long you are protected after you recover from COVID-19. Evidence is emerging that people get better protection by being fully vaccinated compared with having had COVID-19. One [study](#) showed that unvaccinated people who already had COVID-19 are more than two times as likely than fully vaccinated people to get COVID-19 again.

Q: Can I get vaccinated while I am still sick with COVID-19?

A: No. Wait until you have recovered and have met the [criteria for ending isolation](#). This guidance also applies to people who get COVID-19 between their first and second dose.

Q: Can I get a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as another vaccine? Like the annual flu vaccine?

A: Yes, you can get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines (like for the flu) at the same visit. You no longer need to wait 14 days between different vaccinations. Learn more about [getting more than one kind of vaccine](#).

Q: What side effects can be expected after my COVID-19 vaccination?

A: After COVID-19 vaccination, you may have some mild side effects. These are normal signs that your body is building immunity. Common mild side effects include:

- Soreness, redness, or swelling where you got the shot
- Feeling tired, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever, or nausea

Side effects may affect your ability to do daily activities, but should go away in a few days. Some people have no side effects. Although more serious side effects rarely happen, contact your doctor or healthcare provider if:

- The redness or tenderness where you got the shot gets worse after 24 hours
- Your side effects are worrying you or do not seem to be going away after a few days

Q: Should I keep my COVID-19 vaccination record card?

A: Yes. Keep your vaccination record card in a safe place to prevent loss or damage. Californians can also get a digital copy of their vaccine record and use it as vaccine verification where required. This is called the [Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record \(DCVR\)](#). It's available to you if:

- You got vaccinated in California, and
- Your information matches what is recorded in the state's immunization systems.

To get your vaccine record:

- Go to myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov
- Enter your:
 - Name
 - Date of birth
 - Email or phone number you gave when vaccinated
 - Create a four-digit PIN

Q: Does receiving my COVID-19 vaccine or a booster dose eliminate the need for further harm-reduction precautions?

A: No, even if you are fully vaccinated and have received a booster dose, harm reduction precautions are still prudent to keep all Californians safe. Vaccines are not 100% effective, and our youngest community members are not yet eligible for the vaccine, so taking harm reduction precautions such as wearing a face mask helps protect them from contracting COVID-19 and becoming seriously ill.

AGES 5-11:

Q: When were children 5-11 authorized to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

A: On Friday, October 29, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the use of the vaccine in 5- to 11-year-olds, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) affirmed that decision on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Following

these recommendations, The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup reviewed and affirmed the federal decisions.

Q: Why should I vaccinate my child?

A: Cases in children are increasing. It is important to get young people vaccinated to prevent more serious COVID-19 outcomes. Vaccinations may stop the spread of coronavirus variants. They can also shrink the pool of people vulnerable to COVID-19. By getting children 5 and up vaccinated, families can be safer as we get back to doing the things we love.

Children are also susceptible to serious complications from the virus and will benefit from the protection given by a COVID-19 vaccine. By getting our eligible youth vaccinated, we are doing our part to keep them, our families, and our schools safe.

Q: My child had reactions to other vaccines, should they still get the COVID-19 vaccine?

A: Yes, unless they have had anaphylactic-type reactions to components of the Pfizer vaccine. Allergic reactions to the COVID-19 vaccine are rare. If your child has severe allergies or flu vaccine reactions, talk to their doctor or healthcare provider before getting them vaccinated.

Q: Will my child have to get vaccinated to attend in-person schooling?

A: Yes. Students will be required to be vaccinated for in-person learning starting the term following FDA full approval of the vaccine for their grade span (7-12 and K-6). Vaccination will protect young people against more-contagious coronavirus variants and COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine will be added to the list of already required vaccinations for school, including vaccines for measles, mumps, rubella, and more.

Q: Was the Pfizer vaccine well-tested before authorization for my child?

A: Comprehensive clinical trials in more than 2,200 children aged 5-11 demonstrate the COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective in this age group, resulting in a strong antibody response in children who received the vaccine.

Q: Is the dosage for my child the same as for adults?

A: The dosage is one-third of the adolescent and adult dose. The COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by Pfizer is given for those aged 5-11 in two, 10-microgram (mcg) doses administered 21 days apart.

Q: Are the Pfizer mRNA vaccines a new concept?

A: No. Researchers have been studying and working with mRNA vaccines for decades. While the technology behind the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine is new, it is not unknown.

Interest has grown in these vaccines because they can be developed in a laboratory using readily available materials. This means the process can be standardized and scaled up, making vaccine development faster than traditional methods of making vaccines.

These vaccines are held to the same rigorous safety and effectiveness standard as all other types of vaccines in the United States.

Booster dose:

Q: Who is eligible to receive a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine?

A: Pfizer and Moderna boosters are available to people aged 18+ who received their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 6 months ago and feel they're at risk of getting COVID-19. Johnson & Johnson boosters are available to people aged 18+ who received their first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least 2 months ago. Anyone who is eligible may receive the Booster dose of their choice regardless of their primary series.

Q: Why do I need a booster dose if I'm already fully vaccinated?

A: All COVID-19 vaccines continue to provide significant protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and death. However, some are seeing a slight decrease in vaccine effectiveness against infection. This is common, which is why boosters are part of most childhood and adult vaccine series to ensure a person maintains optimal immunity against infection from a disease. Visit [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://www.myturn.ca.gov) to learn if you're eligible, and make an appointment or find a walk-in clinic near you.

Q: Is a booster dose the same amount of vaccine as doses in the original vaccine series?

A: The Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson booster doses will be the same dosage as the original vaccine received in the series, while the Moderna booster dose will be half dosage compared to the original vaccine series.

Q: Which vaccines are covered by the emergency use authorization for booster doses?

A: All three widely available COVID-19 vaccines have been granted an extended EUA to allow for booster vaccine doses for specific populations.

Q: Can a person get a booster dose from a different manufacturer from their original series, or do they need to stay with the brand for their original supplier?

A: A single booster dose of any of the available COVID-19 vaccines may be administered as a mix and match (heterologous) booster dose following completion of primary vaccination with a different available COVID-19 vaccine. The eligible populations and dosing interval for a mix and match booster dose are the same as those authorized for a booster dose of the vaccine used for primary vaccination.

For example, Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine recipients 18 years and older may receive a single booster dose of the J&J or Pfizer, or a booster dose of Moderna (half dose) at least two months after receiving their J&J primary vaccination.

In another example, Moderna and Pfizer vaccine recipients falling into one of the authorized categories for boosters may receive a booster dose of Moderna (half dose), Pfizer, or J&J at least six months after completing their primary vaccination.

Q: Can I get multiple boosters?

A: No, only one booster dose is recommended at this time. Eligible Californians should receive a booster at least six months after the second dose of their Moderna or Pfizer vaccine series or at least two months after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Q: Will digital vaccine records be updated to show that individuals have received a booster dose?

A: Yes, the Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record has been updated and will show that a booster vaccine dose has been administered. Your vaccine record will not automatically update, so a new version will need to be downloaded to reflect that you have received a booster dose. We recommend waiting 14 days for your new dose to show up in the California Immunization Registry.

Q: How does someone find and receive a booster dose?

A: Boosters will be available through all current channels, including health care providers, clinics, and neighborhood pharmacies. Californians can visit the My Turn website ([MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov)) or call 833-422-4255 to make an appointment or find a nearby vaccine clinic.