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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^{1,2,3}:

- 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 ≥ 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 Data¹:

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"> Pfizer-BioNTech* Moderna Janssen (J&J) <small>*Only Pfizer-BioNTech can be used as a booster in those aged 12-17 years</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pfizer-BioNTech Moderna Janssen (J&J) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pfizer-BioNTech Moderna Janssen (J&J)

****Current EUA Fact Sheets^{4,5}:**

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

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

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