



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

DATE: November 17, 2021
TO: COVID-19 Vaccination Providers and all other health care providers
FROM: Louisiana Department of Health
SUBJECT: **All Individuals 18 Years and Older Now Eligible For COVID-19 Boosters**

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) now recommends COVID-19 vaccine booster doses for **all individuals 18 years of age and over** who have completed their Pfizer or Moderna vaccine series at least 6 months ago, or who completed their Johnson & Johnson vaccine series at least 2 months ago.

Heterologous booster administration (receiving an FDA authorized/approved booster type that is different from the type one received for their initial series, also known as “mixing and matching”) remains allowable.

Effective immediately, the following individuals are now eligible and recommended to receive a booster dose:

- Any individual 18 years of age or older who completed their 2-dose **Pfizer or Moderna** vaccine series 6 or more months ago is now eligible to receive a booster dose of either the Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.
- Any individual 18 years of age or older who completed their 1-dose **Johnson & Johnson** vaccine 2 or more months ago is now eligible to receive a booster dose of either the Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

As a reminder, the Moderna COVID-19 booster dose is half of the dose (0.25 mL) normally administered for a primary series dose. Regardless of the COVID-19 vaccine type one receives for their initial series, if they receive a booster with Moderna it should be the reduced (0.25 mL) dose.

LDH will continue to consider those who completed their initial COVID-19 vaccine series (2 doses of Pfizer/Moderna or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson) as fully vaccinated.

Reminder on reporting vaccine adverse events

LDH reminds health care providers throughout the state to report possible vaccine-related adverse events to the FDA/CDC Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS, via <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html> or 1-800-822-7967), and to immediately report any possible severe adverse events (those resulting in hospitalization, death, or persistent disability) to the Office Public Health (OPH) Infectious Disease/Epidemiology Hotline at 1-800-256-2748.

If you have vaccine related questions, please contact la.immunization@la.gov