



COVID-19 Vaccines - Frequently Asked Questions

FULLY VACCINATED AND UP TO DATE



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What does being “up to date” with COVID-19 vaccines mean?

Being **up to date** with your COVID-19 vaccines means that:

- You have received all the recommended primary series doses, and you have received [one booster](#) when it is due -or-
- You have received all the recommended primary series doses, and you are not yet due for a booster dose.

When people are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines, they get the best protection from severe COVID-19 illness.

Check the [COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule](#) at [VaccinateLACounty.com](#) for information on all recommended primary and booster doses. For more details, see the CDC webpage, [Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines](#).

When am I considered fully vaccinated?

You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving all the recommended primary series doses:

- You got a single dose of Johnson & Johnson (J&J)/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, or
- You got a second dose of a Pfizer (COMIRNATY) or Moderna (SPIKEVAX) COVID-19 vaccine, or
- You got all the recommended doses of active COVID-19 vaccine (not placebo) in a clinical trial with [confirmed efficacy](#).

If you were vaccinated outside the US or with mix-and-match vaccines, see the sections below.

What is the difference between being fully vaccinated and being up to date?

Some situations require that a person be fully vaccinated. For example, being fully vaccinated may be a requirement for [international travel](#), employment, to attend school, or to enter some venues.

Being up to date with vaccines may not currently be required in most situations. But it gives you the best protection against COVID-19.

If I was vaccinated outside the US, am I considered fully vaccinated?

- **If you got a full series of a COVID-19 vaccine that is approved or authorized by the FDA or [listed by the WHO](#):**
 - You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after your final dose.
- **If you got two doses of different COVID-19 vaccines that are both approved or authorized by the FDA or [listed by the WHO](#) as a 2-dose series:**
 - You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after your final dose. Note: CDC does not recommend that people mix-and match-COVID-19 vaccines for the primary series.





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- If you got some or all of a series of a COVID-19 vaccine that is **NOT** approved or authorized by the FDA or listed by the WHO:
 - You are not considered to be fully vaccinated by US authorities.
 - If you want to be considered fully vaccinated in the US, you will need to complete a new series of a vaccine that is authorized or approved by the FDA or listed by the WHO. You should wait at least 28 days after your last vaccine dose before starting an FDA authorized/approved COVID-19 vaccine primary series.
- If you started a series of a COVID-19 vaccine that is listed by the WHO but is not available in the US:
 - You are not considered to be fully vaccinated by US authorities.
 - If you are already in the US and want to be considered fully vaccinated, you must get a single dose of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine) to be considered fully vaccinated. You should wait at least 28 days after getting the first WHO-listed COVID-19 vaccine dose to complete your primary series. Note: Children age 5-17 can only receive a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

See [People who received COVID-19 vaccine outside the United States](#) for more details.

Am I considered fully vaccinated if I received 2 different COVID-19 vaccines?

The CDC does not recommend that people mix-and-match COVID-19 vaccines for the primary series. But if you mix-and-match, you are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after getting the second dose of any combination of vaccines that are approved or authorized by the FDA or listed by the WHO as a 2-dose series. There must be at least 17 days between dose 1 and dose 2 for you to be considered fully vaccinated (21 days with a 4-day grace period).

See the CDC webpage [Non-U.S. Citizen, Non-U.S. Immigrants: Travel to and from the United States](#) to learn more.

Where can I get more information?



- To print or view this FAQ or FAQs on other COVID-19 vaccine topics, scan the QR code or visit [COVID-19 vaccine FAQs](#).
- [VaccinateLACounty.com](#) – including [COVID-19 Vaccine Schedules](#) with graphics to show when each dose is due and information on [How to Get Vaccinated](#).
- CDC [Vaccines for COVID-19](#) webpage
- Talk to your doctor if you have questions.

