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COVID-19 vaccine booster available for children aged 5-11

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) and the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, with guidance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Food and Drug Administration, will be offering a COVID-19 vaccine booster shot to **children aged 5-11** at least five months after their primary series.

Eligible individuals can obtain a booster shot by calling (670) 682-7468 [SHOT] for scheduling information or the CHCC Immunization Clinic at (670) 236-8745.

COVID-19 vaccines are also available at the following: Medical Associates of the Pacific, Kagman Isla Community Health, Marianas Medical Center, as well as Tinian Health Center, Rota Health Center, Family Care Clinic, Children's Clinic, and Women's Clinic. Contact each clinic for more information.

For more information on receiving a booster shot, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>.

The COVID-19 vaccines approved and authorized in the U.S. continue to protect people from getting seriously ill, being hospitalized, and even dying—especially people who have received a booster.

Adverse reactions reported after getting booster shots were similar to the primary series/shot. Fatigue and pain at the injection site were the most commonly reported side effects, and overall, most side effects were mild to moderate. However, as with the 2-shot primary series, serious side effects are rare but may occur.

For more information about CHCC programs, follow @cnmichcc on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter; visit <https://www.chcc.health>; or call (670) 234-8950.

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Who Can Get a Booster

<p>Primary Series COVID-19 vaccine: Pfizer-BioNTech</p>	<p>Who should get a booster: Everyone 5 years and older</p> <p>Who can get a second booster: Adults 50 years and older</p>	<p>When to get your booster: At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series.</p> <p>If eligible for a second booster, at least 4 months after your first booster.</p>	<p>Which booster can you get: Adults 18 years and older should get an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) for the first booster in most* situations.</p> <p>The second booster must be an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.</p> <p>Individuals 5-17 years old may only get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster.</p>
<p>Primary Series COVID-19 vaccine: Moderna</p>	<p>Who should get on booster: Adults 18 years and older</p> <p>Who can get a second booster: Adults 50 years and older</p>	<p>When to get your booster: At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series.</p> <p>If eligible for a second booster, at least 4 months after your first booster.</p>	<p>Which booster can you get: For the first booster, an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) is preferred in most* situations.</p> <p>The second booster must be an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.</p>
<p>Primary Series COVID-19 vaccine: Johnson & Johnson/Janssen</p>	<p>Who should get on booster: Adults 18 years and older</p> <p>Who can get a second booster: Anyone who received a J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine for both their primary dose and booster.</p> <p>Adults 50 years and older who first received a J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, regardless of what type of booster they received.</p>	<p>When to get your booster: At least 2 months after receiving your J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination.</p> <p>If eligible for a second booster, at least 4 months after your first booster.</p>	<p>Which booster can you get: For the first booster, an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) is preferred in most* situations.</p> <p>The second booster must be an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.</p>

*Although mRNA vaccines are preferred for the first booster, J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine [may be considered in some situations](#).