

CDC recommends that adolescents 12-17 years old **SHOULD** get a booster shot 5 months after their initial Pfizer vaccination series

Data show that COVID-19 boosters help broaden and strengthen protection against Omicron and other SARS-CoV-2 variants. This new recommendation allows 12- to 15-year-olds to receive a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine 5 months after they complete their primary series. This recommendation also eliminates the may/should distinction for booster shots: everyone 12 years of age and older **SHOULD** get a booster shot when they are eligible. At this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and recommended for adolescents aged 12-17.

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