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## COVID-19 booster shots recommended for all children 5 to 11 years old

The CDC recommends that all children between the ages of 5 and 11 years old receive a booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine at least 5 months after they've completed their primary series. All Americans over the age of 5 are now recommended to receive their first booster shot after a [certain amount of time](#) has passed (2 months for J&J recipients, 3 months for immunocompromised people 5 years old and older, and 5 months for everyone else).

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## 300,000 COVID-19 deaths could have been prevented with vaccination

A group of scientists suggest that nearly a third of the million COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. could have been prevented if more people had chosen to get vaccinated. Even though the unvaccinated continue to make up a majority of COVID-19 cases and related hospitalizations, the number of Americans who say they won't get a COVID-19 vaccine has remained steady for almost a year. One in three states have fully vaccinated less than 60% of their eligible populations.

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## Health officials warn about rising numbers of COVID-19 infections

Nearly 100,000 new COVID-19 infections occur in the U.S. every day. Top health officials warned that one-third of Americans live in communities experiencing rising levels of coronavirus cases and hospitalization. They urged people to resume taking personal protection measures, including wearing masks. This increase comes as the nation heads into Memorial Day weekend with its large gatherings and surge of holiday travelers.

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## Americans can order a third round of free at-home COVID-19 tests

U.S. households can now order an additional eight free at-home tests at [covid.gov/tests](https://www.covid.gov/tests), which brings the total number of free tests available to each household since the start of the program to 16. As the highly transmissible subvariants of Omicron drive a surge of cases in parts of the country, the White House believes free and accessible tests will help slow the spread of the virus.

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## Some people now need a second COVID-19 booster shot to be considered up to date

All adults 50 and older and all immunocompromised people 12 and older **should** get a second booster shot 4 months after their first booster shot. People who received the J&J (Janssen) vaccine as their primary series and first booster shot **may** get a second booster shot of an mRNA vaccine 4 months after their first. Only these three populations are currently eligible to receive a second booster shot.

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