

# Updated CDC Guidance for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccination

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On Tuesday, January 4, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) issued [two new recommendations](#) on guidance on the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine technology from Pfizer-BioNTech. This guidance follows after the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gave similar recommendations. The updated recommendations include the following: recommendations include the following:

- Those who received the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine as their primary series are not recommended to get a booster after 5 months.
- Children 5-11-years-old who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should received an additional primary dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine 28 days after their second shot.

Additionally, following a recent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting, [CDC is endorsing ACIP's recommendation](#) that people 12-17 years old should receive a booster shot 5-months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series. Currently, this vaccine is the only COVID-19 vaccine authorized for adolescents aged 12-17.