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Guidelines

COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses Interim Guidelines

While the primary focus and priority of the Covid-19 vaccination campaign remains the UNVACCINATED persons in the community, we are cognizant of the evolving need and rationale for additional / booster doses in specific segments of the population

First booster dose

The following categories of individuals are eligible for the first booster Covid-19 vaccine dose after completion of primary vaccination schedule.

1. Immunocompromised persons of all eligible age groups
2. Citizens, 18 years of age and above
3. Healthcare workers
4. Travelers: Citizens with travel requirements can get one or two additional doses of vaccine free of cost with a minimum gap of 21/28 days from previous dose.

Timing / interval recommendations

1. It is recommended that the persons receiving this vaccine dose should have received the last vaccine not more than 5 months ago
2. Those who are recovering from a recent Covid-19 infection may wait for 28 days before getting a booster dose.

Second booster dose

1. Immunocompromised persons of all eligible age groups
2. Citizens, 50 years of age and above
3. Healthcare workers

Timing / interval recommendations

1. It is recommended that the persons receiving 2nd booster dose should have received the last vaccine not more than 4 months ago



Vaccine type

The booster / additional dose may be the same as the initial vaccine or a different vaccine and this choice should be based on vaccine availability or preference. Any available vaccine can be used as a booster

Note:

Boosters to above categories will be offered from the pool of vaccines procured by the Government of Pakistan

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.htm>

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-00200-9>

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