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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 dose of Covid-19 vaccine after completion of primary vaccination schedule.

1. Citizens, 18 years of age and above
2. Immunocompromised persons of all eligible age groups
3. Healthcare workers
4. Travelers

#### Timing / Interval recommendations

1. It is recommended that the 1<sup>st</sup> booster dose should be administered after 5/6 months from the date of 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
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. Citizens, 18 years of age and above
2. Immunocompromised persons of all eligible age groups
3. Healthcare workers
4. Travelers

#### Timing / Interval recommendations

1. It is recommended that the 2<sup>nd</sup> booster dose should be administered after 4 months from the date of first complete booster dose.
2. Those who are recovering from a recent Covid-19 infection may wait for 28 days before getting a booster dose.



## Vaccine Type

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

### Note:

Boosters to all of the above stated 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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