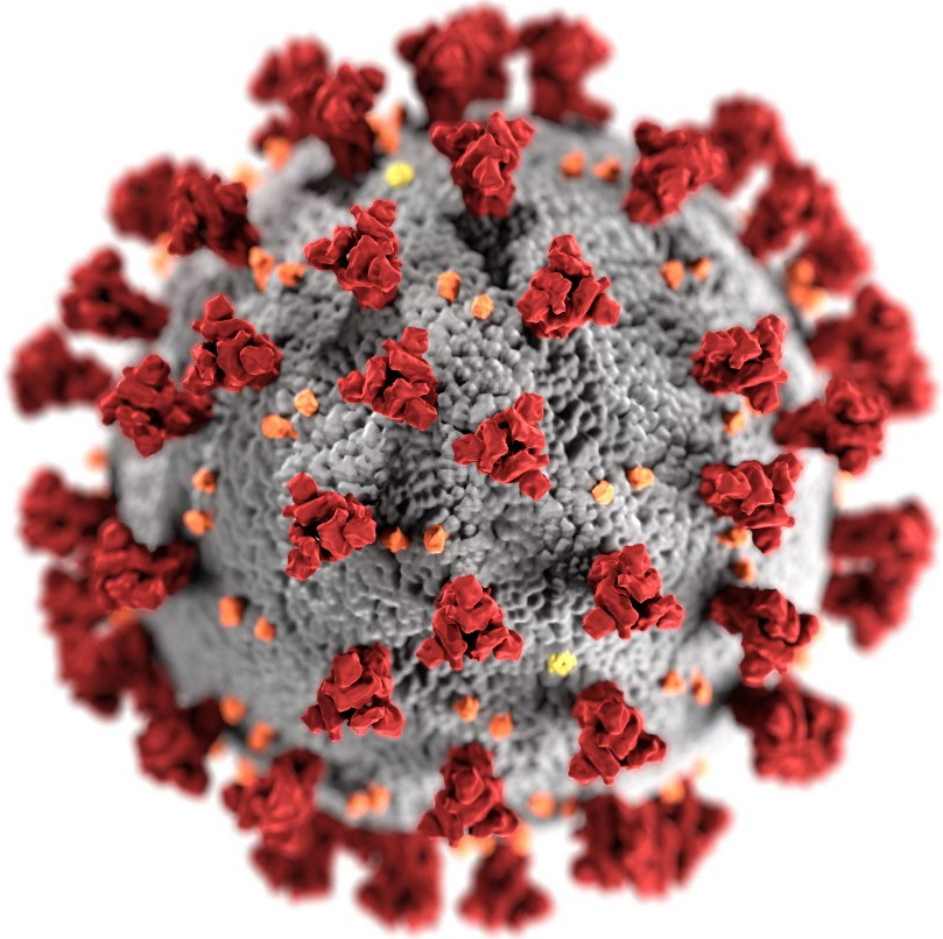
Updates to Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines



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Anticipated Updates

- Clarification and updates on guidance for people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised
- Updates to recommendations on passive antibody products
- Reduction and reorganization for ease of use

Updated guidance for people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised

People Who Are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised

- People with immunocompromising conditions or people who take immunosuppressive medications or therapies:
  - Are at increased risk for **severe COVID-19**
  - May **not mount a protective immune response** after initial vaccination
  - Have **waning protection** over time

CURRENT COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule for People Who Are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised

Vaccine	Vaccination Schedule			
Pfizer-BioNTech (ages 5 years and older)	**1st dose**	**2nd dose** (21 days after 1st dose)	**3rd dose** (at least 28 days after 2nd dose)	**Booster dose*** (at least 5 months after 3rd dose)
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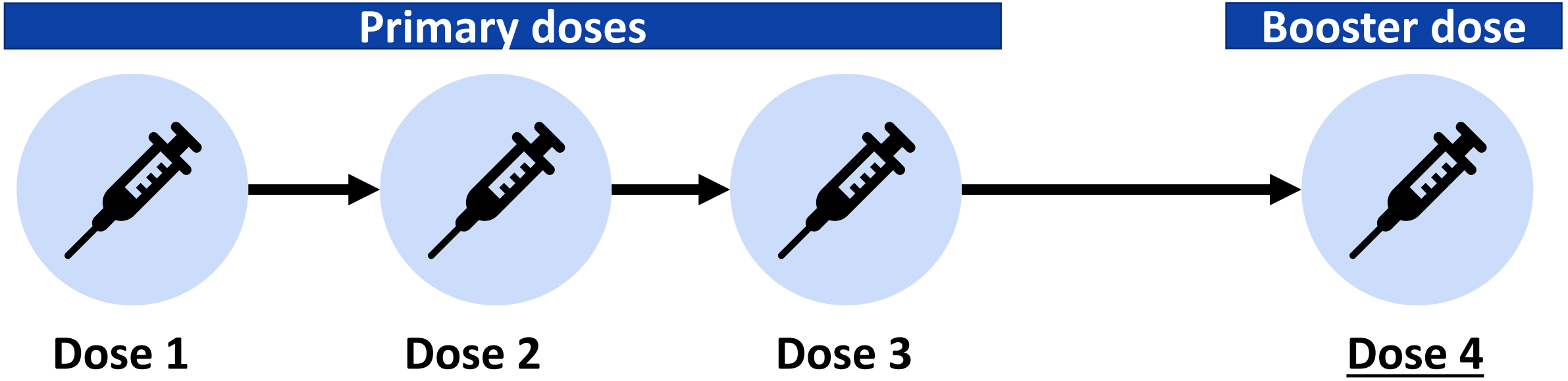
Clarification of Existing Recommendation for mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series

- People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should receive:
  - 3-dose primary series
  - 1 booster dose



Emergency Use Instructions (EUI)

- Allowed under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act
- Provides information about emergency use of **FDA-approved medical products** that may **not be included or differ** from the information provided in the **FDA-approved labeling package insert.**
- Applies only to the use of:
  - Spikevax (Moderna) for people ages 18 years and older
  - Comirnaty (Pfizer-BioNTech) for people ages 12 years and older

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/eui/index.html

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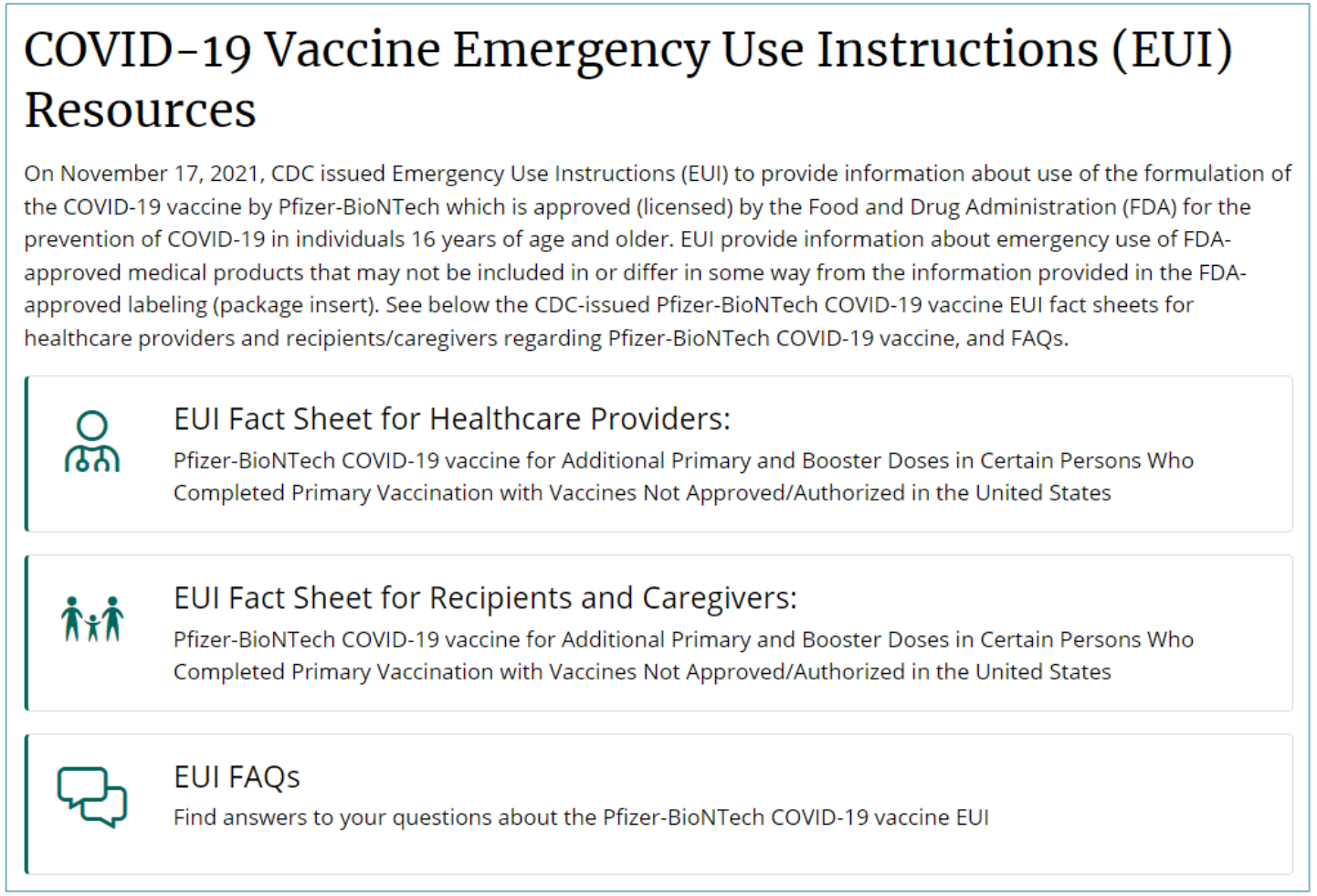

COVID-19 Vaccine Emergency Use Instructions (EUI) Resources

On November 17, 2021, CDC issued Emergency Use Instructions (EUI) to provide information about use of the formulation of the COVID-19 vaccine by Pfizer-BioNTech which is approved (licensed) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 16 years of age and older. EUI provide information about emergency use of FDA-approved medical products that may not be included in or differ in some way from the information provided in the FDA-approved labeling (package insert). See below the CDC-issued Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine EUI fact sheets for healthcare providers and recipients/caregivers regarding Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, and FAQs.

EUI Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers:

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for Additional Primary and Booster Doses in Certain Persons Who Completed Primary Vaccination with Vaccines Not Approved/Authorized in the United States

EUI Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers:

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for Additional Primary and Booster Doses in Certain Persons Who Completed Primary Vaccination with Vaccines Not Approved/Authorized in the United States

EUI FAQs

Find answers to your questions about the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine EUI

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/eui/index.html

Updates for People Who Are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised

- Shorter booster interval after an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine primary series
- An additional dose after a Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine primary series
- Case-by-case clinical decision making

Revised Guidance for a 3-Month Booster Interval After an mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series

Current guidance

People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should receive a booster dose **at least 5 months** after the last (third) dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

Revised guidance

People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should receive a booster dose **at least 3 months** after the last (third) dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

1. Kamar, N., Abravanel, F., Martion, O. (2021). Assessment of 4 Doses of SARS-CoV-2 Messenger RNA–Based Vaccine in Recipients of a Solid Organ Transplant. *Infectious Diseases, 4*(11), e2136030.
2. Benotmane, I., Bruel, T., Planas, D., et al. (2021). A fourth dose of the mRNA-1273 SARS-CoV-2 vaccine improves serum neutralization against the delta variant in kidney transplant recipients. *medRxiv*. Preprint. doi.org/10.1101/2021.11.25.21266704
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5. Atmar, R.L., Lyke, K.E., Deming, M.E. (2021). Heterologous SARS-CoV-2 booster vaccinations-preliminary report. *medRxiv*. Preprint. doi: 10.1101/2021.10.10.21264827

Rationale for 3-Month Booster Interval After an mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series

- Concern about initial immune response and **loss of protection** over time, particularly during period of **high community transmission**.
- Small studies in people with immune compromise demonstrate **immunogenicity** of a 4th dose when administered **~1-3 months** after the 3rd dose.
- Multiple studies in the general population demonstrate **immunogenicity** of a booster as early as **3 months** following a 2-dose primary series.
- Multiple countries have **implemented booster doses as early as 3 months** in the general population following a 2-dose primary series.

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Schedule for People Who Received a Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series

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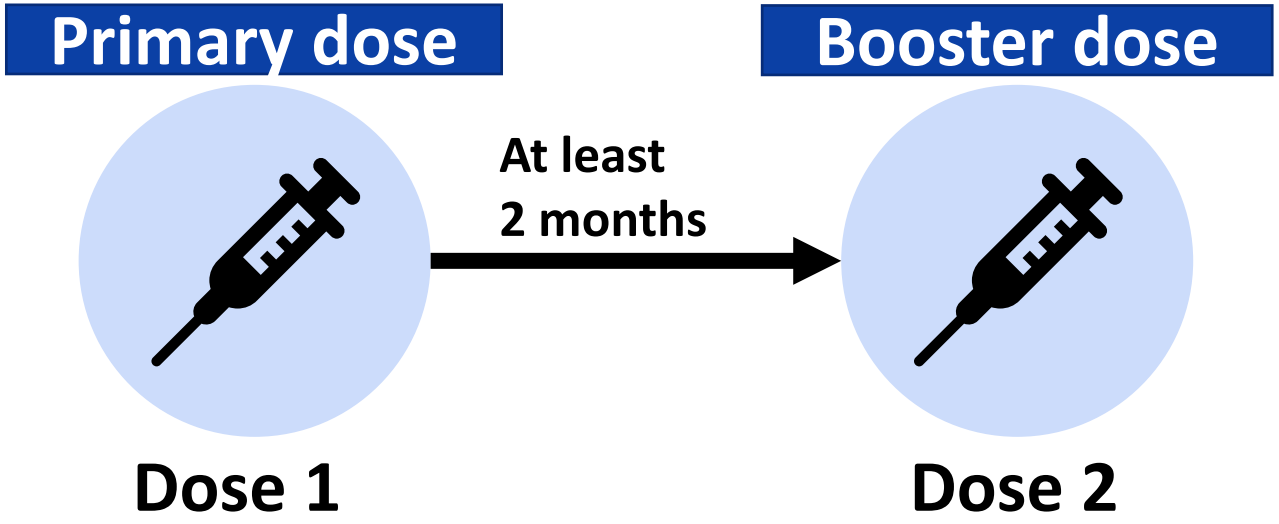

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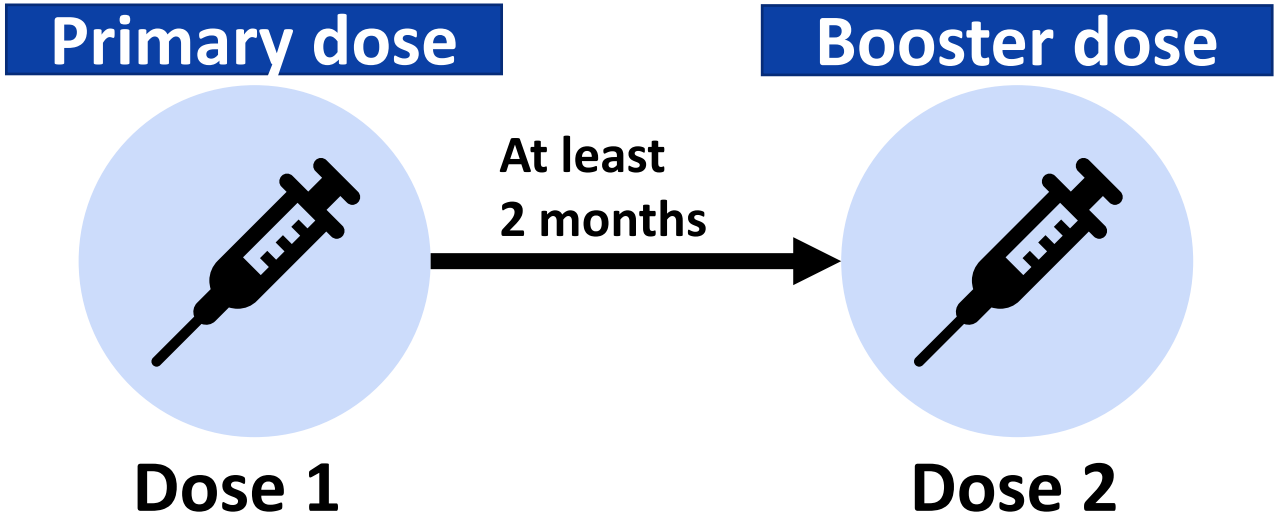
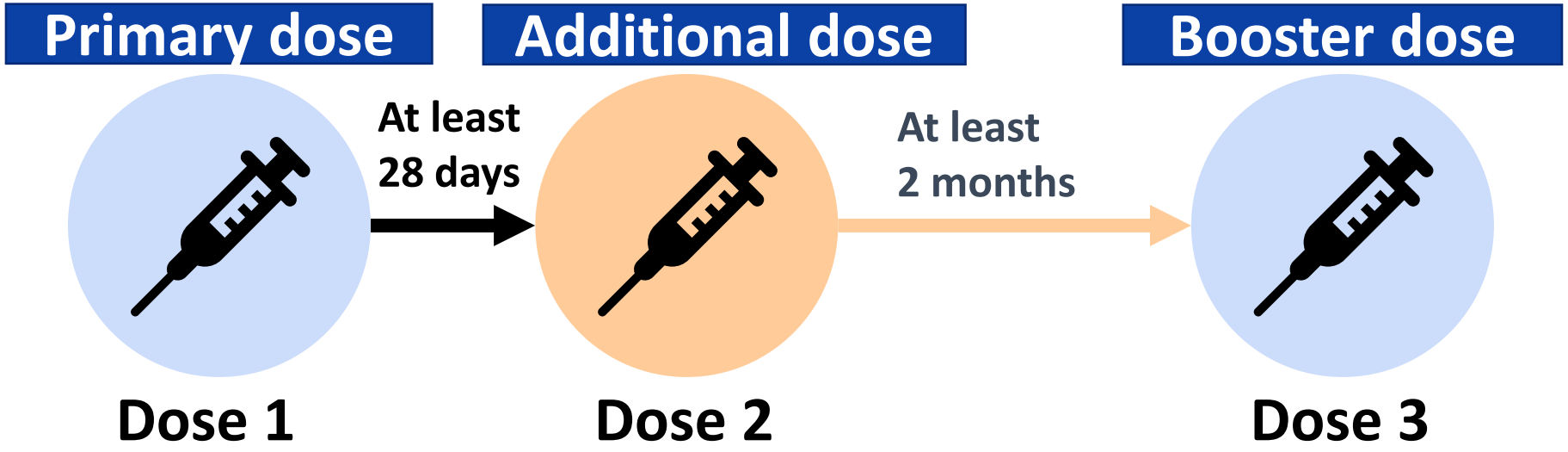


Revised guidance



Case-by-Case Decision Making Based on Clinical Judgement

- On a case-by-case basis, providers who care for moderately or severely immunocompromised patients may administer mRNA COVID-19 vaccines outside of the FDA and CDC dosing intervals **based on clinical judgement** when the benefits of a different vaccination schedule or dosage are deemed to outweigh the potential and unknown risks.

REVISED COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule for People Who Are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised

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†Only Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine should be used

Passive antibody products

Passive Antibody Products

Current guidance

Defer COVID-19 vaccination for:

- 30 days if product used for post exposure prophylaxis
- 90 days if product used for treatment
- No guidance for pre-exposure prophylaxis

Revised guidance

- No recommended deferral period
- However, tixagevimab/cilgavimab (EVUSHELD™) should be deferred for at least two weeks after vaccination

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Passive Antibody Products

- Study among nursing home residents and staff demonstrated that recipients of bamlanivimab **mounted a robust immune response** to mRNA vaccination, regardless of age, risk category, or vaccine type.
- Although antibody response was **numerically lower** in people who received monoclonal antibodies, they were still considered to be **high** and the **clinical significance of the reduction is unknown**.
- There was **no correlation** between interval to COVID-19 vaccination and neutralizing titers in recent monoclonal antibody recipients.
- Programmatically, there are **challenges** to current intervals between receipt of monoclonal antibodies and COVID-19 vaccination.
- Getting vaccinated is a **priority**.

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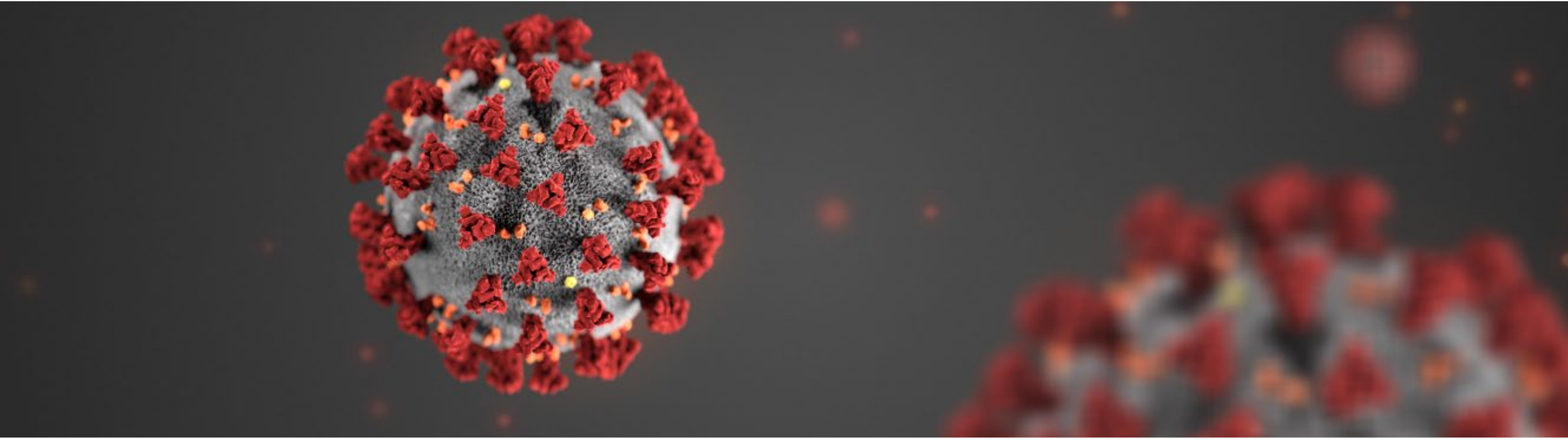
Interim Clinical Considerations

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html#CoV-19-vaccination



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