



# COVID-19 Vaccines - Frequently Asked Questions

## FULLY VACCINATED AND UP TO DATE



To view these and other vaccine FAQs online, visit the [COVID-19 vaccine webpage](#).

### What does being “up to date” with COVID-19 vaccines mean?

You are [up to date](#) with your COVID-19 vaccines immediately after you have received all the recommended doses in the primary series and the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC.

If you have completed your primary series, but are not yet eligible for a booster, you are also considered up to date. But when you become eligible for a booster dose, you are no longer up to date until you get that dose.

**When people are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines, they have the best protection from severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization and death.**

See the LAC DPH COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule webpage at [ph.lacounty.gov/covidvaccineschedules](https://ph.lacounty.gov/covidvaccineschedules) for information on all recommended primary and booster doses. For more details, see the CDC webpage, [Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters](#).

### When am I considered fully vaccinated?

You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving all the recommended primary series doses:

- You got your final dose of a Pfizer (COMIRNATY) or Moderna (SPIKEVAX) COVID-19 vaccine primary series, or
- You got a single dose of Johnson & Johnson (J&J)/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, or
- You got 2 doses of Novavax COVID-19 vaccine
- You got all the recommended doses of active COVID-19 vaccine (not placebo) [with confirmed efficacy](#) in a clinical trial.

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If you were vaccinated outside the US or with mix-and-match vaccines, see [Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters](#) and scroll down to the relevant section(s) “*Vaccination Outside the United States*” or “*Mixing COVID-19 Vaccine Products*”.

### What is the difference between being fully vaccinated and being up to date?

**Fully vaccinated** is a term used to describe people who have completed their COVID-19 vaccine primary series. Some situations require that a person be fully vaccinated. For example, being fully vaccinated may be a requirement for [international travel](#), employment, attending school, or entering some venues.

**Being up to date** is used to describe people who have gotten all of the COVID-19 doses recommended for them, including booster doses. **These people have the best protection from COVID-19.**





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### Where can I get more information?



- To print or view this FAQ or FAQs on other COVID-19 vaccine topics, scan the QR code or visit [COVID-19 vaccine FAQs](#).
- [VaccinateLACounty.com](#) – including [COVID-19 Vaccine Schedules](#) with graphics to show when each dose is due and information on [How to Get Vaccinated](#).
- CDC [Vaccines for COVID-19](#) webpage
- Talk to your doctor if you have questions.

