



# State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

**DATE:** January 8, 2022  
**TO:** COVID-19 Vaccination Providers and all other HAN recipients  
**FROM:** Louisiana Department of Health  
**SUBJECT:** **Moderna Booster Dose Interval Shortened to 5 months**

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) announces that, effective immediately, the six-month interval between completing the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine series and receiving a booster dose has been shortened to **five months**. Earlier this week, the booster interval was shortened for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine as well. This means that individuals 12 and older who initially received an mRNA vaccine series (two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine) should now receive an mRNA booster dose five months after completing their initial series. The booster interval recommendation for people who initially received the J&J vaccine (two months) has not changed.

LDH reminds providers that individuals ages 12-17 are only eligible to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, at this time.

Updated FDA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers, 12 years of age and older, purple cap (must dilute): <https://www.fda.gov/media/153713/download>

Updated FDA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers, 12 years of age and older, gray cap (no dilution): <https://www.fda.gov/media/153715/download>

Report possible vaccine-related adverse events to the FDA/CDC Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html> or by calling 1-800-822-7967. Any possible severe adverse events (those resulting in hospitalization, death, or persistent disability) should be immediately reported to the Office Public Health (OPH) Infectious Disease/Epidemiology Hotline at 1-800-256-2748.

If you have vaccine related questions, please contact [la.immunization@la.gov](mailto:la.immunization@la.gov)