


# BCBSAZ covers expanded range of COVID-19 vaccine boosters

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To help increase protection against severe disease and complications from COVID-19, the FDA has amended the emergency use authorizations to expand the eligibility for vaccine booster doses. Below is a compiled list of the eligible populations and recommended time frames for the authorized boosters and the third mRNA dose, based on the CDC's recent guidance.

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**BCBSAZ covers *all* authorized COVID-19 vaccines and boosters**

General population eligible for booster	Johnson & Johnson	
All those who received the Johnson & Johnson initial vaccine dose	18 years or older	
Recommended time frame for above population: Booster (any authorized brand) at least 2 months after initial dose		
General population eligible for booster	Pfizer and Moderna	
All those who received the Pfizer or Moderna primary vaccine series	18 years or older	
Recommended time frame for above population: Booster (any authorized brand) at least 6 months after primary series		
High-risk population eligible for third mRNA dose	Pfizer	Moderna
Immunocompromised who received the Pfizer or Moderna primary vaccine series	12 years or older	18 years or older
Recommended time frame for above population: Third mRNA dose (either Pfizer or Moderna) 28 days after mRNA primary series		

## Coverage, cost share, reimbursement, and billing

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Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona (BCBSAZ) member cost share, provider reimbursement, and billing requirements for the authorized administration of a booster or third mRNA dose (as indicated above) will follow the same general guidelines currently in place for COVID-19 vaccines. Please refer to our [December 15, 2020, provider notice](#). We are updating our system to accommodate coverage and reimbursement for the recent FDA emergency use authorizations.

Reminder: We add new codes into our claim system *after* the official announcement has been made by AMA or CMS. Claims submitted before or during the four- to six-week implementation period may be rejected or pended until the implementation is complete.

If you have questions, please contact your [provider liaison](#) or call Provider Partnerships at 602-864-4231 or 1-800-232-2345, ext. 4231.

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