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## **FDA Authorizes COVID-19 Boosters for 12 to 15 Year Old's**

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to:

- Expand the use of a single booster dose to include use in individuals 12 through 15 years of age.
- Shorten the time between the completion of primary vaccination of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and a booster dose to at least five months.
- Allow for a third primary series dose for certain immunocompromised children 5 through 11 years of age.

Maine Immunization Program COVID-19 vaccine providers may begin administering boosters to this age group immediately. The U.S. CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will meet on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss clinical recommendations of boosters in this age group.

The updated EUA can be found here: <https://www.fda.gov/media/153716/download>

The complete FDA announcement can be found here: <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-takes-multiple-actions-expand-use-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine>