

# COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots

If you have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and you are 16 or older, you are eligible for a booster dose. Check below to find out when to get your booster shot.

Initial Vaccination	Johnson & Johnson	Moderna		Pfizer/Comirnaty	
Who	▶ 18 or older.	▶ 18 or older.	▶ Immunocompromised patients 18 or older who received an additional/third dose.	▶ 12 or older.	▶ Immunocompromised patients 12 or older who received an additional/third dose.
When	Two months after single dose.	Six months after second dose.	Six months after additional/third dose.	Five months after second dose.	Five months after additional/third dose.
Booster Options	You can choose which vaccine you receive as a booster dose. Some people may prefer the vaccine type that they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster.	You can choose which vaccine you receive as a booster dose. Some people may prefer the vaccine type that they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster.		If you are ages 12-17 years: You can only receive the Pfizer/Comirnaty vaccine. If you are 18 or older: You can choose which vaccine you receive as a booster dose. Some people 18 or older may prefer the vaccine type that they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster.	
<p><b>Note:</b> The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorses the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines developed by Pfizer and Moderna over the Johnson &amp; Johnson vaccine. The recommendation followed a thorough review of the latest evidence on vaccine effectiveness and safety. Most patients should now consider an mRNA primary vaccine series or booster dose.</p>					

**Terminology:**

An **additional (third) dose** can be given after the second dose of Moderna or Pfizer to people who likely did not have a protective immune response to the initial vaccination. This additional dose is recommended for moderately and severely immunocompromised people.

A **booster dose** is given to people who have received a primary series. The intent is to boost immunity because protection is likely to have waned over time.



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