Fact Sheet
COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have authorized a booster dose of the three COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer/Comirnaty, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen) for eligible adults to offer added protection against serious outcomes from COVID-19 and/or to maximize ongoing protection against COVID-19 infection.

Eligibility, dosage, and timing of boosters varies by individual COVID-19 vaccine product. Not all Ohioans are eligible to receive a booster dose at this time. Factors that determine eligibility include age, health, living situation, job, how long ago you were originally vaccinated, and which vaccine you received.

Who Is Eligible For Booster Doses

Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty

At this time, booster doses are authorized only for fully vaccinated Pfizer vaccine recipients who are at high-risk for exposure to COVID-19 or the complications from severe disease, and can be given at least six months after completion of the primary series.

Those currently eligible include those who meet any of the following criteria:

- 65 years and older.
- Age 18 and older who live in long-term care settings.
- Age 18 and older who have underlying medical conditions.
- Age 18 and older who work or live in high-risk settings.

Dosage: The booster dose is the same formulation and dosage given for the primary series.

More info: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers

Moderna

At this time, booster doses are authorized only for fully vaccinated Moderna vaccine recipients who are at high-risk for exposure to COVID-19 or the complications from severe disease, and can be given at least six months after completion of the primary series.

Those currently eligible include those who meet any of the following criteria:

- 65 years and older.
- Age 18 and older who live in long-term care settings.
- Age 18 and older who have underlying medical conditions.
- Age 18 and older who work or live in high-risk settings.

Dosage: The Moderna booster dose is NOT the same dosage given for the primary series. The booster dose is a half-dose. Individuals seeking a booster dose should indicate this when scheduling an appointment or walking in, and should bring their COVID-19 vaccine card or vaccine record with them to their appointment (more information below) if possible.

More info: Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers

For more information, visit: coronavirus.ohio.gov
Johnson & Johnson/Janssen

Booster doses are authorized for all recipients of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. **Anyone age 18 or older who received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine can get a second booster dose at least two months following the initial dose.**

**Dosage:** The booster dose is the same dosage given for the first dose.

**More info:** [Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)

**Mix-and-match boosters**

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others, may prefer to get a different booster. **This mix-and-match approach only applies to booster doses. A primary vaccination series should be completed using the same product.**

**When and where to be vaccinated**

Effective immediately, Ohio’s enrolled COVID-19 vaccine providers can begin to offer boosters to eligible Ohioans as defined by the CDC. There will be many opportunities in Ohio to be vaccinated, including at pharmacies, federally qualified health centers, doctor’s offices, community vaccination sites, and local health departments. There is ample supply of vaccine for boosters, as well as first and second doses, for Ohioans. Ohioans will be able to check [gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](#) for the latest eligibility information and to find a vaccine provider near them with the COVID-19 vaccine product you need. Eligible booster recipients will be asked to attest they are eligible based upon age, qualifying condition, or setting/occupation. Specifically, eligible Ohioans will be able to visit the following types of providers to be vaccinated:

- **Long-term care facility or congregate living residents and staff** – facilities will administer vaccines to residents and staff, specifically, nursing homes and assisted living facilities will utilize Ohio’s COVID-19 Vaccine Maintenance Program, and state-owned institutional settings and veterans homes will vaccinate eligible staff and residents.

- **Other eligible Ohioans not listed above** – Eligible Ohioans can find a provider and schedule an appointment at [gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](#).
  - Most pharmacies will offer either walk-in or scheduled appointments.
  - Local health departments in some of our largest cities will offer special community vaccination sites, and health departments in virtually every county are prepared to offer booster doses, including to homebound individuals.
  - Community health centers and participating primary care providers will also offer booster doses.
  - Some hospital systems or networks.

There will be many opportunities to be vaccinated in your community, whether you walk in to get your third dose or make an appointment with a nearby provider.

**You are encouraged to bring your COVID-19 vaccine card to your appointment**

Ohioans are encouraged to bring their existing COVID-19 vaccine card to be updated. If you cannot find your vaccine card, you should first contact your original vaccine provider to see if they can locate your records. If they are unable to assist, please contact your local health department. If they are unable to assist, please review this information on [how to mail a request for your vaccination records to the Ohio Department of Health](#). You will not be able to obtain a new vaccine card by request, but will be able to access your vaccination records. If you do not have your original vaccine card, you can still receive your booster dose.

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For additional information, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov). For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.