

# COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots

If you have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and you are 12 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-BioNTech	
Who	18 or older.	Immunocompromised patients 18 or older who received an additional mRNA dose after original Johnson & Johnson dose.	18 or older.	Immunocompromised patients 18 or older who received an additional primary vaccination series dose.	12 or older.	Immunocompromised patients 12 or older who received an additional primary vaccination series dose.
When	Two months after first dose.	A booster can be given two months after mRNA additional/second dose.	Five months after second dose.	A booster can be given three months after the additional dose.	Five months after second dose.	A booster can be given three months after the additional dose.
Booster Options	You can choose which vaccine* you receive as a booster dose. Messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines are recommended in most cases.		You can choose which vaccine* you receive as a booster dose. Messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines are recommended in most cases.		If you are ages 12-17 years: You can only receive the Pfizer vaccine. If you are 18 or older: You can choose which vaccine* you receive as a booster dose. Messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines are recommended in most cases.	



\* The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorses the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines developed by Pfizer and Moderna over the Johnson & 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.

**Terminology:**

An **additional dose** can be given after the second dose of Moderna or Pfizer, and the first dose of Johnson & Johnson, 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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