

What You Need To Know - Everyone Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters

<p>If you received Pfizer-BioNTech</p>	<p>Who can get a booster: Teens 16-17 years old</p> <p>Who should get a booster: Adults 18 years and older</p>	<p>When to get a booster: At least 6 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series</p>	<p>Which booster can you get: Teens 16–17 years old can get a Pfizer- BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster</p> <p>Adults 18 years and older can get any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States</p>
<p>If you received Moderna</p>	<p>Who should get a booster: Adults 18 years and older</p>	<p>When to get a booster: At least 6 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series</p>	<p>Which booster can you get: Any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States</p>
<p>If you received Johnson & Johnson's Janssen</p>	<p>Who should get a booster: Adults 18 years and older</p>	<p>When to get a booster: At least 2 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination</p>	<p>Which booster can you get: Any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States</p>

Third and Fourth doses for the immunocompromised:

In August 2021, the CDC and FDA authorized and recommended an additional shot (third dose) of the COVID-19 vaccine for moderately or severely immunocompromised recipients of Pfizer or Moderna mRNA vaccines. This is a third dose, not a booster. Some of these people will soon be eligible to receive a fourth dose six months after having received the third. For more information, please speak with your provider.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are booster shots the same formulation as existing vaccines?

Yes. COVID-19 booster shots are the same formulation as the current COVID-19 vaccines. However, in the case of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine booster shot, it is half the dose of the vaccine people get for their initial series.

If we need a booster, are the vaccines working?

Yes. COVID-19 vaccines are working well to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death, even against the widely circulating Delta variant. However, public health experts are starting to see reduced protection, especially among certain populations, against mild and moderate disease.

What are the risks to getting a booster shot?

So far, reactions reported after getting a booster shot were similar to that of the 2-shot or single-dose initial series. Fever, headache, fatigue and pain at the injection site were the most commonly reported side effects, and overall, most side effects were mild to moderate. However, as with the 2-shot or single-dose initial series, serious side effects are rare, but may occur.

Am I still considered “fully vaccinated” if I don’t get a booster shot?

Yes. Everyone is still considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a 2-shot series, such as the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as the J&J/Janssen vaccine.

All information contained in this flyer has been adapted from information on the CDC's website. For more information, please visit www.cdc.gov or speak with your health care provider.