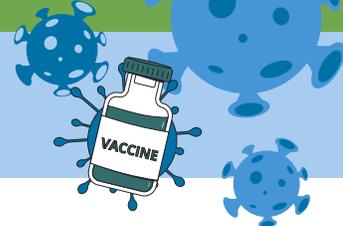


Frequently Asked Questions

COVID-19 Booster Shot



What is the difference between a third/additional dose and a booster shot?

The difference between a third dose and a booster shot of COVID-19 is not due to differences in dosage, but differences in **eligibility** and **timing**.

The CDC recommends **third doses** for immunocompromised people at least four weeks after they receive their second vaccine of the Pfizer or Moderna mRNA shots. The CDC recommends all individuals 18+ years of age receive their booster shot. For Pfizer or Moderna recipients, six months after their second dose. For JJ recipients, two months after single dose.

Who is eligible to get a booster shot of the COVID-19 vaccine?

Booster shots of the COVID-19 vaccine are now available for all individuals 18 years and older who have finished their primary vaccine series, based on the following criteria:

- Moderna and Pfizer recipients can get their booster dose six months after their second dose.
- Johnson & Johnson recipients can get their booster dose two months after their single dose.

Can I get a different vaccine type for my booster shot than I received during my primary COVID-19 vaccine series?

You may choose which COVID-19 vaccine you receive as a booster shot. Some people may prefer the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

Why do I need a booster shot?

Studies show that after getting vaccinated against COVID-19, protection against the virus may decrease over time and be less able to protect against the Delta variant. Booster shots create an increased immune response and improved protection against COVID-19.

As coronavirus spreads and new variants are created that are more contagious or deadly, a booster shot of the COVID-19 vaccine will help to make sure that we are sufficiently protected.

Where can I get a booster shot of the COVID-19 vaccine?

You can receive the booster dose from a healthcare provider of your choice. You do **not** need to receive the booster shot from the same location that you received your 2-dose series. To find a vaccination location near you, visit www.vaccines.gov.

ICHD COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic, dates and appointment times, visit: http://hd.ingham.org/coronavirus/r_1013.aspx

For information about the booster shot, visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](https://www.cdc.gov).