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

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

- Pfizer recipients (12+) can get their booster dose five months after their second dose.
- Moderna recipients (18+) can get their booster dose five months after their second dose.
- Johnson & Johnson recipients (18+) 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.

Individuals ages 12-17 must receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for their booster dose.

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.

ICHG 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.