



Fast Facts: COVID-19 Booster Doses (10-22-2021)

Q: Why are boosters being offered?

Medical experts have found that the COVID-19 vaccines remain highly effective in preventing COVID-19 associated hospitalizations and deaths, but that protection begins to wane after several months in older adults.

Q: I received two doses of Moderna and/or Pfizer. Do I need a booster?

Booster doses are available for these groups at least six months after their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine:

People who should get a booster dose: 65 and older; 18+ living in long-term care facilities; 50+ with underlying medical conditions, increased risk of social inequities or disabilities (including intellectual and developmental disabilities).

People who may get a booster dose: 18+ who have underlying medical conditions, increased risk of social inequities or disabilities (including intellectual and developmental disabilities); 18+ who live or work in high-risk settings.

Q: I received Johnson & Johnson. Do I need a booster?

Booster doses are recommended for everyone 18 and older, at least two months after their first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Q. Does my booster dose need to be the same vaccine as I originally received?

No. All three COVID-19 vaccines are available as a booster dose for all fully vaccinated people who are eligible. This means people can get a booster dose at any location that provides COVID-19 vaccines, depending on advice from their health care provider, individual preference, availability or convenience.

Q. I received Johnson & Johnson. If I get a Pfizer or Moderna booster, do I need two doses?

No. A booster dose is a single dose, for all three vaccines.

Q. Is the booster dose different from other COVID-19 vaccine doses?

The Moderna booster dose is a half dose; this means it is half the amount of the first or second doses of Moderna. This is the only difference.

There is no difference between the first, second or booster doses for the Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

Q: Should someone who is eligible for a third dose and a booster get both?

No. Someone who is eligible for both a third dose and a booster should only get one additional shot. A third dose of Pfizer or Moderna is recommended for people who are immunocompromised and did not experience a strong immune response to their primary vaccine series. Third doses are to be given 28 days or more after the second dose.

Consult with your health care provider about your medical condition and whether getting an additional dose or a booster dose is appropriate.

Visit [Getvaccinated.Oregon.Gov](https://www.getvaccinated.oregon.gov) to find the nearest vaccine clinic

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Is a COVID-19 vaccine booster recommended for me?

You should if you received **PFIZER** or **MODERNA** and you are:



65+



50+ with underlying medical conditions, increased risk of social inequities, or disabilities (including intellectual/developmental disabilities)



18+ and a long-term care facility resident

You should if you received

JOHNSON & JOHNSON



18+

AND 2+ months since your first dose

You may if you received **PFIZER** or **MODERNA** and you have:



18+ with underlying medical conditions, increased risk of social inequities, or disabilities (including intellectual/developmental disabilities)



18+ and living or working in a high-risk setting

Note:

All three COVID-19 vaccines are also available as a booster dose. You can get a booster dose at any location providing COVID-19 vaccines, depending on advice from your health care provider, individual preference and availability or convenience.

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