

Should I get a COVID-19 vaccine booster?

Individuals ages 12 years and older who received a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine are eligible for a booster shot at 5 months or more after they complete the initial series. Adults who are 50 years and older are eligible for a second booster shot at 4 months or more after their first booster.

Individuals ages 18 years or older who received a Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after they complete the initial series. Adults who are 50 years and older are eligible for a second booster shot at 4 months or more after their first booster.

Individuals who are 18 years and older and received the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine, a booster dose is recommended at two or more months after the initial vaccine. Adults 50 years and older who first received a J&J COVID-19 vaccine, regardless of what type of booster they received are eligible for a second booster shot at 4 months or more after their first booster.

Can I mix and match a COVID-19 vaccine booster?

Yes. There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States. Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. An mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) is preferred in most situations for the first booster. The second booster must be an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. If you have a preference for a vaccine type check [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a location that is offering your preferred COVID-19 vaccine.

Do I need an appointment to get my vaccine booster?

You do not need an appointment at your local health department. Walk-ins are available at all local health departments. Appointments are available for those who would prefer to schedule an appointment. You can also visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a vaccine provider offering your preferred vaccine near you.

Are COVID-19 vaccines safe?

Yes! COVID-19 vaccine is safe and your best defense against the virus and highly effective in reducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death. Vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself and those around you.

