

# COVID-19 Vaccine Booster:

## Should I get a COVID-19 vaccine booster?

Individuals ages 18 years and older who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after they complete the initial series.

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.

## 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. 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! We know these vaccines work and that they are safe. The COVID-19 vaccine is 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.

