



# Boosters for COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines continue to provide strong protection against severe illness, hospitalization and death. Booster doses are now recommended for some populations.

Boosters are common for many vaccines. The COVID-19 Vaccine boosters ensure that recipients will continue to have a strong level of protection against COVID-19 and help reduce transmission to others.

All U.S.-approved COVID-19 vaccines are effective in reducing the risk of severe disease, hospitalization and death, even against variants. All COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters, are completely free.



## If you received the ...

### Pfizer vaccine

A **single** booster dose is recommended for individuals 12 years and older at least **five months** after the second dose.

### Moderna vaccine

A **single** booster dose is recommended for individuals 18 years and older at least **five months** after the second dose.

### Johnson & Johnson vaccine

A **single** booster dose is recommended for all Johnson & Johnson recipients at least **two months** after the first dose.

**Mixing and matching of all U.S.-approved COVID-19 vaccines is allowed for booster doses.**

Eligible individuals can choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may prefer the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different brand of vaccine. However, for most people, Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are preferred over the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine due to the risk of serious adverse events.



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