

Boost Your COVID-19 Defense



Staying up to date with your COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to avoid severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization, and death.

Adults Ages 18+

- ✓ Should get a Pfizer or Moderna booster 5 months after the Pfizer or Moderna primary series or 2 months after the Johnson & Johnson primary series.
- ✓ Should get a second Pfizer or Moderna booster 4 months after the first booster dose if ages 50+.
- ✓ Should get a Pfizer or Moderna booster 4 months after the Johnson & Johnson primary series AND booster.

Children Ages 5-17

- ✓ Should get a Pfizer booster 5 months after the primary series.

People With Compromised Immune Systems

- ✓ Should get a Pfizer or Moderna booster 5 months after the Pfizer or Moderna primary series or 2 months after the Johnson & Johnson primary series.
- ✓ Should get a second Pfizer or Moderna booster 4 months after the first booster dose.

Children Younger Than Age 5

- ✗ Cannot get a COVID-19 booster at this time.

Find a vaccine near you:

- Scan the code
- Visit [MeckNC.gov/COVID-19](https://www.MeckNC.gov/COVID-19)
- Call 980-314-9400, option 3



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COVID-19 Booster FAQs



Why do I need a booster dose?



Like some other vaccines, the protection you got from your COVID-19 vaccine starts to go down over time. A booster dose increases protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. As long as COVID-19 is around, everyone may need to get booster shots regularly.



What does "primary vaccine series" mean?



The primary vaccine series is two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine (three doses for immunocompromised people) or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.



What does "compromised immune system" mean?



It means that a person's immune system, which protects their body from infection, is weak because of a medical condition and needs more vaccine to build a defense against the virus.



Can I get a different vaccine for my booster than I got for my primary series?



YES. The CDC recommends either Pfizer or Moderna as a booster regardless of what vaccine you got for your primary vaccine series.



Who can't get a booster dose?



Right now, the COVID-19 booster doses have not been approved for children younger than 5.

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