

# Who should get a COVID-19 vaccine booster?

Everyone ages 16 and older should get a booster shot of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Wondering when to get it? See the chart below.

If you received:	Who is eligible?	When am I eligible?
Pfizer	Everyone ages 16+	6 months after your last dose
Moderna	Everyone ages 18+	6 months after your last dose
Johnson & Johnson	Everyone ages 18+	2 months after your single dose

## What's the difference between a third dose and a booster?

While there's been confusion, a "third dose" and a "booster" are not the same thing. In fact, some people should get both. Review the chart below for a breakdown of some of the differences.

	Third dose	Booster
<b>WHAT IS IT?</b>	A third dose of Pfizer or Moderna for people who don't have a strong enough immune response to 2 doses	An extra vaccine dose that helps "boost" immunity months after your original vaccination
<b>WHO CAN GET IT?</b>	<b>Only</b> people ages 12+ who received 2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna and have <b>a moderately to severely compromised immune system</b>	<b>Everyone ages 16+</b> who received 2-3 doses of Pfizer and <b>everyone 18+</b> who received one dose of Johnson & Johnson or 2-3 doses of Moderna
<b>WHY IS IT NEEDED?</b>	For immunocompromised people, a third dose may improve the immune response	To extend the vaccine's effectiveness and maximize your protection over time
<b>WHEN IS IT GIVEN?</b>	At least 28 days after your second dose	See the chart above
<b>WHICH VACCINE SHOULD I GET?</b>	The same vaccine you received before, if possible	Any COVID-19 vaccine, even if it's different from what you got before

**Ask your doctor if a third dose is right for you.**

Ready to get your booster? Please bring your vaccine card and wear a mask!

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