

COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Recommendations

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Who can get a booster shot?

- People who are under at least one of the following situations **SHOULD** receive a booster shot of the Pfizer vaccine **at least 6 months** after their **Pfizer** primary series:
 - **aged 65 years and older** and residents in long-term care settings
 - aged 50–64 years with **underlying medical conditions**
- People who are under at least one of the following situations **MAY** receive a booster shot of Pfizer vaccine at least 6 months after their **Pfizer** primary series:
 - aged 18–49 years with **underlying medical conditions**
 - aged 18–64 years who are **at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission** because of an occupational or institutional setting.

What are considered underlying medical conditions?

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic lung diseases
- Dementia or other neurological conditions
- Diabetes (type 1 or type 2)
- Down syndrome
- Heart conditions
- HIV infection
- Immunocompromised state
- Liver disease
- Overweight and obesity
- Pregnancy,
- Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- Smoking (current or former)
- Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
- Stroke or cerebrovascular disease (which affects blood flow to the brain)
- Substance use disorders (such as alcohol, opioid, or cocaine use disorder)

I received the Moderna or J&J COVID-19 vaccine. Do I need a booster shot?

CDC will evaluate with similar urgency available data in the coming weeks to swiftly make additional recommendations for other populations or people who got the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines.



For more information, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>

