

# COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER OR ADDITIONAL DOSE: Which do I need?

You may have questions about the difference between a COVID-19 vaccine booster and an additional (or 3rd) dose, and which one is right for you. An additional (3rd) dose of COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for those with weak immune systems (those who are cancer patients or organ transplant recipients) as part of their regular COVID-19 vaccine series to be considered fully vaccinated. A booster dose is a dose given to someone who has completed their original vaccine series to offer them increased protection. Because vaccine effectiveness can decrease over time, boosters help to "boost" immunity and protection from COVID-19. Follow the map below to see which you might need to make sure you're optimally protected against COVID-19.

Which vaccine did you originally get?

Pfizer

Do you have a weakened immune system?

Yes

No

Moderna

Johnson & Johnson

I haven't been vaccinated yet

Has it been 2 months since your vaccine?

Yes

No

**GET VACCINATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

Those over age 5 should get an **additional (3rd) dose** of the same COVID-19 vaccine at least 28 days after their second dose. Everyone 12+ should ALSO get a **booster** 5 months after completing their primary vaccine series.

Everyone 12+ should get a COVID-19 vaccine **booster**. Kids 12-17 may get a booster, but can receive only **Pfizer** or **Moderna** originally should get their booster at least 5 months after their second dose. Kids under 12 years are not yet eligible for boosters.

Those over 18 should get a **booster** dose of either Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

If you're over 18, wait until at least 2 months have passed to get a **booster** of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.