

COVID-19 Booster Shots

COVID-19 vaccines currently approved or authorized by FDA are **HIGHLY EFFECTIVE** in preventing serious outcomes of COVID-19 and Delta variant, including severe disease, hospitalization, and death.

Who Is Eligible for a COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot?

COVID-19 Vaccine booster shots are available for the following Pfizer-BioNTech and J&J/Janssen vaccine recipients who completed their initial series at least 6 months ago and are:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in **long-term care settings**
- Age 18+ who have **underlying medical conditions**
- Age 18+ who work in **high-risk settings**
- Age 18+ who live in **high-risk settings**

Moderna has requested authorization from the FDA, but is not approved as of October 21, 2021

Side Effects of Booster Shot

Side effects people report after getting a booster shot are similar to side effects after the 2-shot series. These side effects can affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. The most common side effects after a booster shot are fatigue and pain at the injection site and overall, most side effects were mild to moderate. Like the 2-shot primary series, **serious side effects are rare**, but may occur.

What Should People Who Received the Moderna Vaccine Do About Getting a Booster?

At this time, the Pfizer-BioNTech booster authorization only applies to people whose primary series was Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. The same is advised if you received the J&J/Janssen vaccine. People in the recommended groups who got the Moderna vaccine may need a booster shot. More data on the effectiveness and safety of Moderna booster shots are expected soon.

VACCINATION OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Adolescents aged 12–17 years are eligible to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and may be vaccinated with **appropriate consent and assent**.

Currently, Children younger than age 12 years are not eligible to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at this time. Children and adolescents younger than age 18 years are not eligible to receive the Moderna or Janssen COVID-19 vaccines at this time.



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Reference: Center for Disease Control (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html#:~:text=At%20this%20time%2C%20the,need%20a%20booster%20shot.>

