Vaccines are the best protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and death due to COVID-19. Most people who are fully vaccinated are still well protected.

**Certain people are eligible for either a booster dose or an additional dose.**

### Booster Dose

Given when the immune response to initial vaccination might have decreased over time

**Who is eligible?**

For individuals who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine:
Age 18 and older SHOULD receive a booster dose

For individuals who completed the Pfizer or Moderna two-dose vaccine series:

- People who SHOULD receive a booster dose
  - Age 65 or older
  - Age 50–64 with underlying medical conditions
  - Residents aged 18 and older in long-term care settings

- People who MAY receive a booster dose
  - Age 18–49 with underlying medical conditions
  - Age 18 and older at increased risk for COVID-19 due to work or institutional setting, such as:
    - First Responders (healthcare workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff)
    - Public Transit
    - Corrections
    - Education Staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers)
    - Grocery Store
    - Manufacturing
    - Food/Agriculture
    - Postal Service

### When can it be given?

- **6 months** after receiving the two-dose series of Pfizer or Moderna

- **2 months** after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Call your healthcare provider or local pharmacy to check availability of your preferred vaccine.

For more information, visit: covid19.ca.gov/vaccines
Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids

Who is eligible?

Individuals who have completed the Pfizer or Moderna two-dose vaccine series AND are moderately or severely immune compromised.

Conditions and treatments include:

- Active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Solid organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids

When can it be given?

28 days after receiving the two-dose series of Pfizer or Moderna

Talk to your doctor to see if getting an additional dose is right you.

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