

# What's the Difference Between a **Booster Dose** and an **Additional Dose**?

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)
- Education Staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers)
- Food/Agriculture
- Public Transit
- Corrections
- Grocery Store
- Manufacturing
- 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.**

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## Additional Dose

Given to those with weakened immune systems who have not responded fully to initial doses

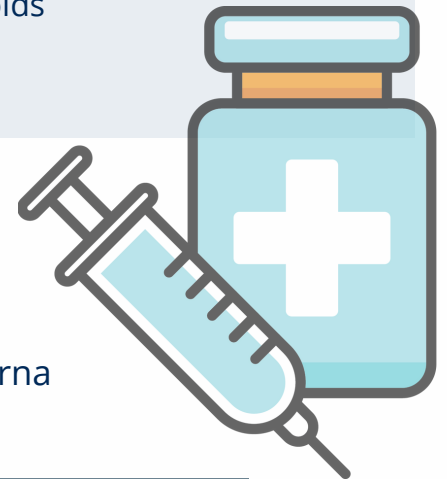
### Who is eligible?

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

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is not approved as an additional dose.

### 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.