

# COVID-19 Vaccine Third Doses and Boosters are Available.

## What's the Difference and Who is Eligible?

*The third dose and the booster of the COVID-19 vaccine are now available for certain groups of people. Find out more below.*

### Who Qualifies for a Booster?

- People 65 years of age and older
- People age 50–64 years of age with medical conditions SHOULD receive their booster. Medical conditions include but are not limited to:
  - Cancer, chronic kidney, liver or lung diseases, HIV, Down Syndrome, heart conditions, diabetes, pregnancy, overweight, smoking, organ/cell transplant, etc.
- People age 18–49 with medical conditions (listed above) MAY receive a booster based on individual benefits and risks.
- People 18 years of age and older that work or live in settings with a higher risk of exposure or transmission.
  - High-risk work settings include, but are not limited to: first responders (healthcare workers, police, etc.), education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers), public transit workers, grocery store staff, etc.
  - High-risk living situations may include: nursing homes, group homes, apartments, student or faculty housing, transitional housing, domestic violence shelters, etc.
- If you are unsure about whether you fit the criteria above, talk to your doctor, nurse or clinic.

### What You Should Know About the Booster Shots. \*

- It is okay to receive a different booster from your initial vaccine.
  - For example, if you first received the Moderna vaccine, you may receive the Johnson and Johnson or Pfizer booster shot.
- If you received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, you can receive your booster at least six months after your second shot.
- If you received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, you can receive your booster at least two months after your shot.

[\\*information from CDC](#)

### Third Dose for People who are Immunocompromised \*

The CDC recommends people 18 years and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised ([more on what that means here](#)) get a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The third dose may improve people's response to the first two shots of their initial vaccine series. Right now, the third dose shot is available from Pfizer/Comirnaty or Moderna only.

[\\*information from CDC](#)

## Unsure of Whether You Should get a Third Dose or Booster Shot?

Talk with your doctor, nurse practitioner or staff member at your clinic to discuss whether it would make sense for you to receive a third dose or booster shot.

To find out when you are eligible for a shot, visit the [When Can I Receive My COVID-19 Booster Shot webpage](#) and enter the date that you received your last dose of the vaccine at the bottom of the page.



Information and guidance may be updated frequently. The information provided here was last updated on 11/05/2021.

## Interested in Getting Your Third Dose or Booster Shot?

Many pharmacies, doctor's offices, and clinics offer same-day vaccinations. Use one of the following methods to find a vaccine near you:

- Text your zip code to 438829
- Call the Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) for questions and to find a vaccine 1-888-677-1199
- Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)



## Helpful Links

- [Center for Dignity in Healthcare for People with Disabilities Booster Shot Eligibility Calculator](#)
- [Ohio Department of Health Frequently Asked Questions - COVID-19 Boosters](#)
- [Disability Information and Access Line \(DIAL\)](#)