



COVID-19

Booster Vaccines

COVID-19 booster vaccines are recommended following the primary vaccination series for specific populations, as outlined below.



WHO

A booster dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine is recommended if you:

- Received your second dose at least six months ago, and
- Are 65 or older, or
- Age 18+ who live in [long-term care settings](#), or
- Age 18+ who have [underlying medical conditions](#), or
- Age 18+ who are at increased risk due to [social inequity](#), or
- Age 18+ who work or live in [high-risk settings](#)

A booster dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is recommended if you:

- Received your first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago, and
- Are 18 or older



WHAT

COVID-19 booster doses help keep immunity strong and increase protection against COVID-19. You may receive the booster dose of your choice, following completion of your primary vaccination series.



WHEN

Booster doses can be received after completion of the initial vaccine series, which consists of 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or 2 doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. The following timeline is recommended for individuals who received Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines:

- **Pfizer:** at least 6 months after completion of the initial vaccine series
- **Moderna:** at least 6 months after completion of the initial vaccine series
- **Johnson & Johnson:** at least 2 months after completion of the initial vaccine series

California is actively administering booster doses to those in the recommended populations.



WHERE

Boosters are available through all current channels, including healthcare providers, clinics and neighborhood pharmacies. Californians can visit [MyTurn.ca.gov](#) or call 833-422-4255 to make an appointment or find a walk-in vaccine clinic near you.



WHY

All COVID-19 vaccines continue to provide significant protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and death. However, certain populations are seeing a slight decrease in vaccine effectiveness against infection. Booster doses of vaccines are very common. They are part of most childhood and adult vaccine series to ensure a person maintains optimal immunity against infection from a disease.