

# Updated COVID-19 Boosters



## FAQ

**The new COVID-19 booster dose is available to anyone 12 years and older. Here are some answers to questions you may have.**

### **How is the updated booster different from the previous version?**

The new “bivalent” booster shot targets the newest strains of the COVID-19 virus and all known strains. This new dose is designed to provide protection against the original virus and currently circulating variants.

### **Why should I get the new booster if I've already been vaccinated or if I already have the booster(s) recommended for my age group?**

Getting the updated booster means that you're staying up to date with your vaccination status, helping prevent potential surges of COVID-19 cases, and protecting yourself and others from severe disease, hospitalization, and death.

### **What are the requirements for getting a booster?**

**Moderna** is available to anyone 18 years of age and older who has received their two primary doses of any approved COVID-19 vaccine.

**Pfizer** is available to anyone 12 years of age and older who has received a primary series of vaccination against COVID-19.

You should wait at least 2 months from your last COVID-19 vaccination to get the updated booster. **You do NOT need to have a previous COVID-19 booster to get the updated booster.** You're eligible for the new booster regardless of how many booster doses you have previously received.

### **Can 5 to 11 year old children get the new booster?**

No. However, the older version of the booster is still recommended for children who received the Pfizer primary series.

**Find an updated booster near you at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or call 1-800-232-0233.**

**COVID-19 vaccines are FREE for everyone regardless of your immigration status.**

