COVID-19 Vaccines

Why get the COVID-19 vaccine?

The vaccines have safely protected millions of people from getting very sick, hospitalized, or dying from COVID. The benefits you gain from the vaccine outweigh the risks of getting COVID.

COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots recommended for most people.

The Pfizer vaccine is available for both children and adults:

- Children ages 6 months to 4 years can get 2 doses, 3 weeks apart, and a 3rd dose 8 weeks later. All 3 doses are required to complete the series.
- People ages 5 to 11 years can get 2 doses, 3 weeks apart and a booster shot 5 months later.
- People ages 12 years and older can get 2 doses, 3 weeks apart, and a booster shot 2 months later.

The Moderna vaccine is available for both children and adults:

- Children ages 6 months to 11 years can get 2 doses, 4 weeks apart.
- People ages 12 years and older can get 2 doses, 4 weeks apart, and a booster dose 2 months later.

The Novavax vaccine is available for both children and adults:

• People ages 12 years and older can get 2 doses, 3 weeks apart, and a booster dose 2 months later.

The Johnson and Johnson (J&J) vaccine is available for adults:

• Adults 18 and older can get 1 dose and then a booster shot 2 months later.

If you are immunocompromised, you should get an extra primary dose.

A 3 dose primary series with an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) is recommended for immunocompromised people. People who should get an extra dose are people who:

- Have a weakened immune system Have had an organ or stem cell transplant

• Have cancer

- Have HIV
- Have chronic conditions such as diabetes or heart, liver, kidney, and lung diseases. If you think you might be in this group, please talk with a doctor or medical provider.

Who can get the Omicron booster shot?

You can get the Omicron booster if you are 12 years or older and:

- It has been 2 months or longer since you finished your primary series
- It has been 2 months or longer since your 1st or 2nd booster dose

Children ages 5-11 years can get the original booster 5 months after finishing their primary series.

Vaccine Schedule for Most People



People ages 18 years and older with Johnson and Johnson



Vaccine Schedule for Immunocompromised



People ages 18 years and older with Johnson and Johnson



What you need to know about

the Omicron Booster

Why should I get the Omicron Booster?

- Omicron is the most infectious COVID variant so far.
- The new booster provides better protection against Omicron than the original vaccine.
- The new booster contains parts of the original COVID virus and the Omicron variant.

Can I get the Omicron Booster?

You can get the Omicron booster if you are 12 years or older and:

It has been 2 months or		It has been 2 months or
longer since you finished	OR	longer since your last
your primary series.		booster dose.

People who have had 1 or more booster shots can still get the Omicron booster 2 months after their last booster dose.

What if I recently had COVID?

People who are eligible for the Omicron booster but who had COVID recently can choose to delay their booster for 3 months after they were infected.

Visit vaccinenm.org to register and to find a vaccine near you.

