

COVID vaccines – Second booster dose

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized a second booster dose of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for those ages 50 and older and also for people with certain health conditions that compromise their immune systems. This action now makes a second booster available to this group, who are more likely to get seriously ill with COVID-19.

Which vaccine series did you complete?	Pfizer	Moderna
You can get a second booster if:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ages 50 and older Ages 12 and older with health conditions that compromise the immune system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ages 50 and older Ages 18 and older with health conditions that compromise the immune system
You are eligible:	4 months after receiving a first booster of an authorized vaccine	4 months after receiving a first booster of an authorized vaccine

Q: What medical conditions make me eligible to receive a second booster dose of Pfizer or Moderna?

A: You may be eligible if you have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system (Check with your doctor to see if any of your medications qualify)
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome or Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune system

Talk with your doctor about your medical condition and whether getting a second booster dose is appropriate for you.

Q: Can I get a booster shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine?

A: The FDA has not amended the emergency use authorization to permit a booster dose of the J&J vaccine. The CDC recommends adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months ago may now receive a second booster dose using either the Pfizer or Moderna mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

Q: Where should I go to get my booster shot?

A: You'll be able to get your booster shot in many of the same places that were available for the first doses. These include your primary care provider, Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health and many local pharmacies. A complete list is available at lmh.org/vaccine, douglascountyks.org/coronavirus or at vaccinefinder.org/search.

Q: If I need a booster, does that mean the vaccine isn't working?

A: No. The COVID-19 vaccines are working very well to prevent severe illness, hospitalization and death. A booster dose helps to maximize and prolong your protection.