

Getting a 2nd COVID-19 Vaccine Booster

People in certain groups or situations are now eligible to get a 2nd COVID-19 booster. If you are eligible, it is up to you whether to get a 2nd booster right now, based on the benefits and risks of a 2nd booster.

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Are you eligible?

Right now, you are eligible for a 2nd COVID-19 booster if you:

- Are 50 years of age or older **and** got your 1st booster at least 4 months ago
- Are 12 years of age or older, **and** are [moderately or severely immunocompromised](#), **and** got your 1st booster at least 4 months ago
- Are 18 years of age or older **and** got 2 doses of J&J/Janssen vaccine at least 4 months ago

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If you are eligible (see above), are you (or is someone you live with) more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 or be exposed to the virus?

Certain factors can make it more likely that someone will get very sick from COVID-19 or be exposed:

- Being moderately or severely immunocompromised
- Being more likely to be exposed to COVID-19 through your job, where you live, or other factors (such as frequent travel or large gatherings)
- Being in an area with medium to high COVID-19 community levels
- Living with someone who is unvaccinated

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If you are eligible, can you wait?

Even if you are eligible for a 2nd booster, you may consider waiting to get a 2nd booster if you:

- Had COVID-19 within the past 3 months
- Feel that getting a 2nd booster now would make you not want to get another booster in the future (a 2nd booster may be more important in fall of 2022, or if a new vaccine for a future COVID-19 variant becomes available)

If You Get a 2nd Booster

- Make sure it has been at least 4 months since your 1st COVID-19 booster.
- Remember that 2nd boosters can only be Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech (and for people ages 12 to 17 years, only Pfizer-BioNTech).
- You can self-attest that you have a moderately or severely weakened immune system. This means you do not need any documentation that you have a weakened immune system to get a COVID-19 vaccine (including boosters) wherever they are offered.