



General Information

COVID-19 vaccine booster doses are now available for the following groups who completed their initial series of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine (a.k.a., Comirnaty) at least 6 months ago:

- 65 years and older;
- 18 years and older with underlying medical conditions;
- 18 and older who work in high-risk settings; and
- 18 and older who live in high-risk settings.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are individuals who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine eligible for a booster dose?

Not yet. The FDA has only approved a booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine. Additional studies are being done to determine whether booster doses of the other vaccines are needed.

What qualifies as an underlying medical condition?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), underlying medical conditions that qualify an individual for a booster dose include: cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic lung disease, Dementia or other neurological conditions, Diabetes, Down Syndrome, heart conditions, HIV infection, immunocompromised state, liver disease, pregnancy, sickle cell disorder or Thalassemia, smoking (current or former), solid organ or blood stem cell transplant, stroke or cerebrovascular disease, and substance use disorders.

What is a high-risk work setting?

The CDC considers the following occupations high-risk for exposure and transmission of COVID-19: first responders, teachers and education staff, food and agriculture workers, manufacturing workers, corrections workers, U.S. Postal Service workers, public transit workers, and grocery store workers.

What is a high-risk living setting?

Individuals 18 and older living in long-term care facilities are considered at higher risk for exposure to and transmission of COVID-19.

Do those who are eligible have to get a third dose to comply with vaccine mandates in the workplace?

Booster doses are not necessary to comply with government-issued vaccine mandates in various workplaces.

Where can individuals receive their booster dose?

Booster doses are available through many health care clinics and pharmacies. Be sure to bring your vaccine record card to your appointment so that your booster dose can be recorded. To find a vaccination clinic near you, visit: COVID-19.MCHealthy.net or call 2-1-1.