



# PFIZER BRAND COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOTS FOR HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS

At this time, only Pfizer brand COVID-19 booster shots are recommended for people in certain high-risk populations.

## CAN I GET A BOOSTER, AND IF SO, WHEN?

If you are a high-risk person in one of the groups below, you can get a booster shot 6 months after you received your second Pfizer shot.

- people **65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings** should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- people aged **50–64 years with underlying medical conditions** should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- people aged **18–49 years with underlying medical conditions** may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks, and
- people aged **18–64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting** may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits

## WHAT IS A BOOSTER SHOT?

A booster shot “boosts” a person’s immunity against COVID-19. This is important for a high-risk person. The Pfizer brand COVID-19 booster is exactly the same as the two-dose Pfizer vaccine.

## WHY IS A BOOSTER NEEDED?

Over time, a person’s immunity from a vaccine can lessen. Getting a booster shot – at the right time – can boost a person’s protection.

## IF I GOT MODERNA OR JANSSEN, CAN I GET A PFIZER BRAND BOOSTER?

At this time, only people who received the Pfizer vaccine for at least one of their initial two shots may receive the Pfizer brand booster.

The FDA and CDC are evaluating the need for booster doses for those who received the two-dose Moderna vaccine and the single-shot Janssen. DHEC will provide details on those boosters once more information becomes available.

**THE COVID-19 VACCINE**

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