



COVID-19 Booster Shots

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COVID-19 booster shots are now available for Mainers age 16 and older who have already received the COVID-19 vaccine.

A booster dose or shot is another dose of a COVID-19 vaccine that is given at least six months after getting the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or at least two months after getting the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine.

Why should I get a booster shot?

The protection against COVID-19 that you get through a vaccine decreases over time. This means that, over time, you have less immunity to the virus than when you were first vaccinated. To help you stay protected against COVID-19, the Maine CDC recommends that everyone age 16 and older get a booster shot.¹

Am I eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine booster shot?

All individuals 16 years old and older are eligible to receive a COVID-19 booster shot if:

- You completed the two-dose Pfizer or Moderna vaccine series at least six months ago, OR
- You received the single-dose Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine at least two months ago.²
- If you are 16 or 17 years old, you can only receive the Pfizer vaccine booster, since this is the only vaccine that has been authorized for individuals under 18 years old.

Can I get a different booster type than the vaccine I originally received?

Individuals who are 16 or 17 years old are only eligible for the Pfizer booster shot. The Moderna and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) booster shots have not been authorized for individuals under 18 years old.

Individuals ages 18 and up can mix and match vaccine types for the booster. You may choose which booster shot you get. Some people may prefer the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster.

¹ Maine COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/public-faq#boosters>

² COVID-19 Vaccination in Maine <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines>

Do I have to pay anything for my COVID-19 booster shot?

No, you will not have to pay for your COVID-19 booster shot. Either MaineCare or the federal government will pay for the booster shot at no cost to you.

Where can I get a COVID-19 booster shot?

To find a location to get a booster shot:

- Look for a vaccination site at [COVID-19 Vaccination in Maine](#)
- Call the Community Vaccination Line at 1-888-445-4111. They are available Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For interpreter services, call the number and say your language. People who are deaf and hard of hearing may dial 711 and ask to be connected to the number above.

Can I get a COVID-19 booster and a flu shot at the same time?

Yes, it is safe to get a booster shot and your flu shot at the same time. For your own comfort, you may want to get the two shots in different arms, in case you feel some soreness where you get the shots.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, boosters, and more, please review [these FAQs](#).