

COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER DOSE

Do I need a booster dose?

The following people who were vaccinated with Pfizer at least 6 months ago:

SHOULD receive a booster dose of Pfizer:

-  People ages 65 and older
-  People ages 18 and older living in long-term care
-  People ages 50–64 with certain underlying medical conditions

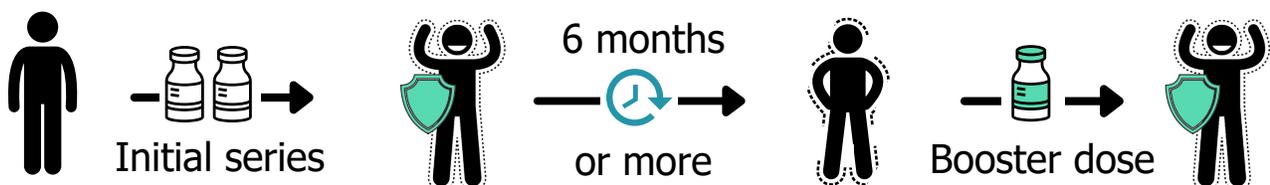
MAY receive a booster dose, after considering their individual risks and benefits:

-  People ages 18–49 with certain underlying medical conditions
-  People ages 18–64 who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission due to working or residing in certain settings.

Not eligible yet? It's important to remember that all the authorized COVID-19 vaccines offer strong protection after the primary series. With the high-level of disease transmission in Wisconsin, DHS continues to urge everyone to add additional layers of protection including masking up indoors, staying home when feeling sick, and avoiding large indoor gatherings.

Why do some people need a booster dose?

Evidence suggests that immunity is waning over time for some people who were initially well-protected by the vaccine. For those people, a booster dose will strengthen and extend their protection against infection, serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.



What is the difference between booster doses and additional doses?

Primary series, additional doses, and booster doses all use the same vaccines. The titles are different so people know who needs another dose and why.

Booster doses



For certain populations at higher risk of exposure to or transmission of COVID-19



6 months after completion of primary series of Pfizer vaccine



Pfizer vaccine only



To increase protection after it may have **decreased over time** in those at higher risk

Additional doses



For moderately to severely immunocompromised people, 12 years or older



28 days after last dose of primary series



Pfizer or Moderna vaccine only



To protect people who **may not have built strong immunity** after initial series

Find a COVID-19 Vaccine: Search [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), call 211, or text your ZIP code to 438829 to find locations near you.

Booster doses are important as we work to stay ahead of the virus and keep us safe. People who are **unvaccinated are still the most vulnerable to COVID-19**. Helping people get their first vaccines is still our top priority.