

COVID-19 Booster Shots

EBNHC is offering first, second, third, and booster doses at 79 Paris Street.



What You Need to Know

COVID-19 Vaccine booster shots are available for the following Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine recipients who completed their initial series at least 6 months ago:

- Age 65+
- 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- 18+ who work in high-risk settings
- 18+ who live in high-risk settings

Remember to bring your vaccination card with you to your appointment.

Schedule an Appointment

Visit **ebnhc.org** or call **617-568-4500** to schedule. For other vaccination options, visit vaxfinder.mass.gov/



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COVID-19 BOOSTER FAQs:

Q: When can I get a COVID-19 vaccine booster if I am NOT in one of the recommended groups?

A: Additional groups may be recommended to receive a booster shot as more data becomes available. The COVID-19 vaccines approved and authorized in the United States continue to reduce the risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death. However, the virus that causes COVID-19 is always changing. Experts are looking at all available data to understand how well the vaccines are working for different groups. This includes looking at how new variants, like Delta, may or may not change vaccine effectiveness.

Q: If we need a booster shot, does that mean that the vaccines aren't working?

A: No. COVID-19 vaccines are working well to stop severe illness, hospitalization, and death, even against the Delta variant. However, public health experts are starting to see lower protection, especially in certain groups, against mild and medium illness.

Q: What should people who received Moderna or Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine do?

A: At this time, the Pfizer-BioNTech booster authorization only applies to people whose first 2-doses were Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. People in the recommended groups who got the Moderna or J&J/Janssen vaccine will likely need a booster shot. More data on the effectiveness and safety of Moderna and J&J/Janssen booster shots are expected in the coming weeks. The CDC will keep the public informed with a timely plan for Moderna and J&J/Janssen booster shots.

Q: What are the risks to getting a booster?

A: For many people who have completed their 2-dose Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, the benefits of getting a booster shot outweigh the known and potential risks. So far, reactions reported after the third Pfizer- BioNTech shot were similar to that of the 2-shot primary series. Fatigue and pain at the injection site were the most commonly reported side effects, and overall, most side effects were mild to moderate. However, as with the 2-shot primary series, serious side effects are rare, but may occur.

Q: Does this change the definition of "fully vaccinated" for those eligible for booster shots?

A: People are still considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a 2-shot series, such as the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as the J&J/Janssen vaccine. This applies to all people, including those who receive an additional dose as recommended for moderate to severely immunocompromised people and those who receive a booster shot.

Q: Will providers accept anyone who says they're eligible to receive a booster shot? Will people need to show a doctor's note/prescription or other documentation?

A: It's important to note that individuals can self-attest (i.e. self-report that they are eligible) and receive a booster shot wherever vaccines are offered. This will help ensure there are not additional barriers to access for these select populations receiving their booster shot.



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