

What You Need to Know About COVID-19 Booster Shots

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Vaccines continue to be our best defense against COVID-19, though booster shots increase the level of protection against the Delta variant.

Are booster shots the same as existing vaccines?

Yes, COVID-19 boosters are the same formulation as the current COVID-19 vaccines, though the Moderna booster shot is half the dose of the initial shots.

If we need a booster shot, are the vaccines working?

Yes, COVID-19 vaccines are working well to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death. However, experts are starting to see reduced protection against certain populations against mild and moderate illness.

What are the risks to getting a booster shot?

So far, reactions reported are similar to that of the 2-shot or single-dose series (fever, headache, fatigue, pain at injection site).



Am I considered "fully vaccinated" if I do not get a booster shot?

Yes, everyone is still considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a 2-shot series or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine.

When can I get a COVID-19 booster shot if I am not in one of the recommended groups?

Additional populations may be recommended to receive a booster shot as more data become available.

What should I bring to my booster appointment?

Please bring your CDC vaccine card so it may be updated. If you do not have your card, contact your local health department.

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