COVID-19 Booster Shot Do I Need One?

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WHAT IS A BOOSTER SHOT?

A vaccine booster shot is administered after the initial (primary) doses of a vaccination to help build back up immunity that might have decreased overtime. Essentially, booster shots help you maintain protection against the virus. The FDA and CDC have approved booster shots for all three of the COVID-19 vaccines.

DOES MY BOOSTER SHOT HAVE TO BE THE SAME BRAND AS MY PRIMARY SERIES?

The FDA and CDC allow individuals to mix and match the brand of the booster shot they receive. For example, if you initially got the **Pfizer-BioNTech** vaccine, you can get the **Moderna** booster.

WHO CAN GET A BOOSTER SHOT?

The following groups of individuals who received their primary series of the **Pfizer-BioNTech** or **Moderna** COVID-19 vaccines:

- People 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

Age 18+ who have received the primary series of the **Johnson & Johnson** vaccine are also eligible.

WHEN SHOULD I GET MY BOOSTER SHOT?

- Individuals who qualify and received the **Pfizer-BioNTech** or **Moderna** vaccines can get their COVID-19 booster at any time six (6) months after their second dose.
- Individuals who received a **Johnson & Johnson** vaccine may get a booster at any time two (2) months after their initial shot.

HOW CAN I GET MY BOOSTER SHOT?

Ask your long term care facility. They may be organizing on-site clinics or can help you in finding a local vaccine provider.

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