



COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Information for Waiver Participants



If you have received your COVID-19 vaccine, you have taken an important step to avoid getting COVID-19. If you do get COVID-19, you are less likely to get very sick, end up in the hospital, or die from COVID-19.

Once you have been fully vaccinated, you might need an additional shot or a **booster shot booster shot**.

- An **additional shot** is for people who are immunocompromised. They get the extra dose about a month after their second shot to help their body better fight off COVID-19.
- A **booster shot** is for people who have been fully vaccinated for **at least six months (if they received Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or 2 months (if they received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine)**. Over time, some of the original vaccine wears off. A booster shot will increase protection against COVID-19.

You can use the chart **on the last page of this guide** to help you figure out if you need a booster shot or an additional dose. The chart is also available on [Kentucky's COVID-19 vaccine website](#).

What Type of Booster Shot Should I get?

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), people can choose any type of vaccine they want for their booster shot. You can get the same type you got originally or you can get a different type.

Once you receive your shot, you will receive a vaccine card. Keep your vaccine card in a safe place. You might want to take a picture so you have a copy. If you didn't receive a vaccine card or lost yours, contact the place where you got your vaccine. If they cannot help, contact the [Kentucky Immunization Registry](#) at (502) 564-0038.

Where can I get a COVID-19 booster shot or an additional shot?

You can schedule an appointment for a booster shot or an additional shot at the same location where you got your last COVID-19 shot. If not, other places in Kentucky where you can get vaccinated include:

- Your local health department.
- Your local pharmacy.
- Some clinics or hospitals.
- Store pharmacies like Walgreens, Walmart, or Kroger.

You have several options for getting a vaccine appointment.

Online: Go to vaccines.gov/search and type in your zip code.

By Phone: You can text your zip code to 438829 (English) or 822862 (Spanish) to receive a list of three vaccine locations near you or call (855) 598-2246 for help scheduling an appointment.

What resources are available to help me?

- **Talk to your primary doctor** if you have questions about whether you need a booster shot or an additional shot. Your doctor can tell you what is recommended for you.
- **Talk to your family, caregivers, case manager/support broker/service advisor, or person-centered planning team** if you have questions on where or how to get vaccinated.



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- **The state of Kentucky COVID-19 hotline** can answer general questions about the vaccine. You can call the hotline at (800) 722-5725 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- The federal government requires the vaccine to be offered at **no charge to you**, however, your [insurance may be billed](#) to cover the cost.
- **If you need a ride to a vaccination site**, transportation agencies across the state are offering free rides.
 - View the list of [Kentucky transportation agencies providing free public transport](#) to COVID vaccine sites. Keep in mind you must wear a mask on public transportation.
 - The CDC has more information about third doses and booster shots on its website.
 - [CDC COVID-19 Information for Immunocompromised Individuals website](#)
 - [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot website](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Timing and Utilization

Initial Vaccine Doses

Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine
(0.3 mL x 2 doses 21 days apart)

≥ 28 days

Booster

Additional Dose

Pfizer-BioNTech
Moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals

≥ 6 Months

Moderna Vaccine
(0.5 mL x 2 doses 28 days apart)

≥ 28 days

Booster

Moderna
Moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals

≥ 6 Months

Janssen (J&J) Vaccine
(0.5 mL single dose)

Booster

≥ 2 Months

Booster Dose

Can use available COVID-19 vaccines as a heterologous (or "mix & match") booster dose in eligible individuals following completion of primary vaccination with a different available COVID-19 vaccine.

Pfizer-BioNTech Dose: 0.3mL

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

Moderna Dose: 0.25mL

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

Janssen (J&J) Dose: 0.5 mL

- ≥ 18yo

