COVID-19 Booster Doses
Frequently Asked Questions   April 2022

A booster is an additional dose of vaccine that improves (boosts) your protection.

First booster doses available for:
o Anyone 12+ who got a 2nd dose of Pfizer at least 5 months ago.
o Anyone 18+ who got a 2nd dose of Moderna at least 5 months ago.
o Anyone 18+ who got the J&J vaccine at least 2 months ago.

Second booster doses available for:
o Anyone 50+ who got their 1st booster at least 4 months ago.
o Anyone 12+ who is immunocompromised and got a 1st booster at least 4 months ago.

- **Do boosters mean the vaccines don't work?**
  o It is expected for some vaccines to lose strength over time, such as the Tetanus vaccine and some are designed to require regular doses, such as the Flu vaccine.
  o We all need a booster dose to keep up our protection against COVID-19.
- **Aren't enough people vaccinated?**
  o Everyone is at risk of getting sick or even dying from COVID-19, but older adults and people with some health conditions are at higher risk. A booster prevents you from getting COVID-19 and can help prevent you from spreading the virus to others.
    ▪ The person you may pass COVID-19 on to may not be able to fight off the virus as well and could end up seriously sick or in the hospital.
  o The pandemic isn't over so the number of people with COVID-19 can go back up.
- **I already got sick with COVID-19. Do I still need to get a booster?**
  o Yes, you can get COVID-19 more than one time and experts do not yet know how long you are protected from the virus after recovering from being sick with COVID-19.
- **Where can I get a COVID-19 vaccine or booster dose?**
  o Boosters are available anywhere COVID-19 vaccine is offered.
  o Visit www.vaccines.gov or www.phila.gov/vaccine or call (215) 685-5488.
  o If getting to a clinic is challenging, sign up for the **In-Home Vaccination Program** for you and your caregiver: https://bit.ly/homeboundvaccinephl
- **Are your clinics accessible? What if I don't speak English or need transportation?**
  o All PDPH vaccine clinics have telephone interpretation, are accessible and have free door-to-door transportation. Visit https://bit.ly/KnowB4Ugo or call (215) 586-3006.
- **How can I get a replacement COVID-19 vaccine card?**
  o Request a copy of your vaccine record that can be used as a vaccine card.
  o Visit https://bit.ly/LostVaxCardPHL or call (215) 685-5488, press #5 for interpretation.