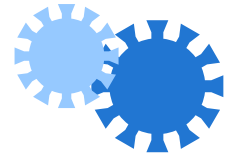


New COVID-19 Bivalent Boosters:

What you need to know



As COVID-19 spreads it changes and can become more contagious. Getting the most up-to-date booster can help protect you from the most common COVID-19 variants.

What is a bivalent booster and why is it different than the other boosters?

The new bivalent booster has a combination of the original booster plus updated protection against the types of COVID-19 that are most common now.

Why should I get yet another vaccine?

As viruses spread, they change, and this is expected. COVID-19 will likely continue to spread around the world and may become as common as the flu. Getting updated boosters help your body build protection against new versions of the virus.

Who should get the updated booster?

- Everyone who is eligible should get a booster. People who are 50+ and anyone who is immunocompromised should also make sure to get a booster.
- Pfizer bivalent booster: people 12 years and older, at least 2 months after their primary series or 2 months since receiving the most recent booster dose.
- Moderna bivalent booster: people 18 years and older, at least 2 months after completion of the primary series or 2 months since receiving the most recent booster dose.

Does it matter which version of the booster shot I take?

It is fine to mix brands. You do not have to get the same vaccine you got for your primary series or other boosters. Both provide similar amounts of protection.

If I had COVID-19 in the last 90 days, do I need to wait to get my booster?

It is okay to get a booster within 90 days of having COVID-19 but waiting closer to 90 days can give you a better immune response. You can get COVID-19 more than once, so it is important to get a booster even if you had COVID-19.

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