

Have you taken your COVID-19 booster shot?

There are so many reasons to get yours now! Vaccines protect you from getting very sick from COVID-19. But this defense weakens over time.



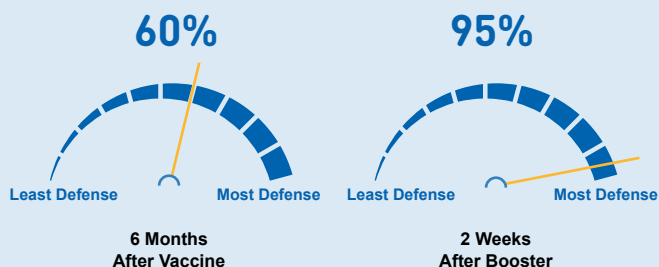
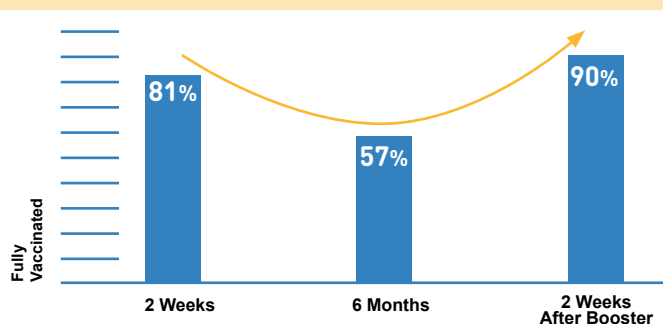
Getting your booster shot now...

WILL PROTECT YOU AGAINST COVID-19 AND THE OMICRON VARIANT WITH:



90% defense against going to the hospital due to COVID-19.

SIX MONTHS AFTER you take your second shot, your defense against getting very sick falls to 57%. Two weeks after getting your booster shot, this defense jumps to 90%.¹

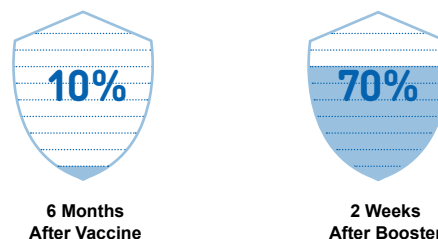


95% defense against COVID-19 related death.

If you're **50 YEARS OLD OR OLDER**, the vaccines make COVID-19 much less deadly. This defense also lessens over time. Six months after getting your vaccine, defense against death from COVID-19 falls to 60%. Two weeks after your booster shot, this defense strengthens to 95%.²

70% defense against feeling COVID-19 symptoms.

The vaccines can also help you **AVOID COVID-19 SYMPTOMS** if you catch the virus. Your defense against symptoms falls below 10% six months after you get your second dose. This defense grows to 70% two weeks after getting your booster shot.³



SOURCES:

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