Can I Get My First COVID-19 Booster Shot?

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Are you fully vaccinated against COVID-19?

No → Get Vaccinated!

Yes → How old are you?

6 months to 4 years old

5-11 years old*

12 years and older**

Which vaccine did you get?

Pfizer

Moderna

When did you get your last dose of your primary series?

Less than 2 months ago

More than 2 months ago

Yes, you can get your first booster shot with a monovalent booster formula

No, you cannot get your first booster shot at this time.

Yes, you can get your first booster shot with a bivalent booster formula

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Even if you can’t get your first booster shot right now, you’ll need to get boosted as soon as you are able. Booster shots offer the best defense against getting very sick from the Omicron variant.

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Am I fully vaccinated against COVID-19?

We hear the phrase “fully vaccinated” a lot. Some sporting events, concerts, schools, and even workplaces say that people must be “fully vaccinated” before they can attend in person. Use this flow chart to see if you are considered “fully vaccinated.”

Did you get a COVID-19 vaccine?

A Note on Young Children:

If your child or patient is 6 months - 4 years old, then they need to take 2 doses of the Moderna vaccine or 3 doses of the Pfizer vaccine.

If the child has moderate or severe immunocompromise and took the Moderna vaccine, then they will need one more shot of the Moderna vaccine (3 shots total).

If the child has moderate or severe immunocompromise and took the Pfizer vaccine, then they do not need to take an additional shot (3 shots total).

No

Get Vaccinated!

Yes

Which vaccine brand did you get?

Pfizer or Moderna

Novavax

Johnson and Johnson (J&J)

Yes

Have you received both doses (two shots) of the vaccine?

Yes

No

Do you have a very weak immune system?

Yes

No

Have you taken an additional shot (third dose) of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine?

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

Have 2 weeks passed since your last shot?

Yes

No

You are not fully vaccinated.

You are fully vaccinated.

But you still need to stay up to date. You might need to get your first COVID-19 booster shot soon!

Check the other side of the page to see if you should get your first booster shot yet.

You are not fully vaccinated, yet. You are not fully vaccinated, but you have completed your primary series. You will be fully vaccinated after 2 weeks have passed.

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