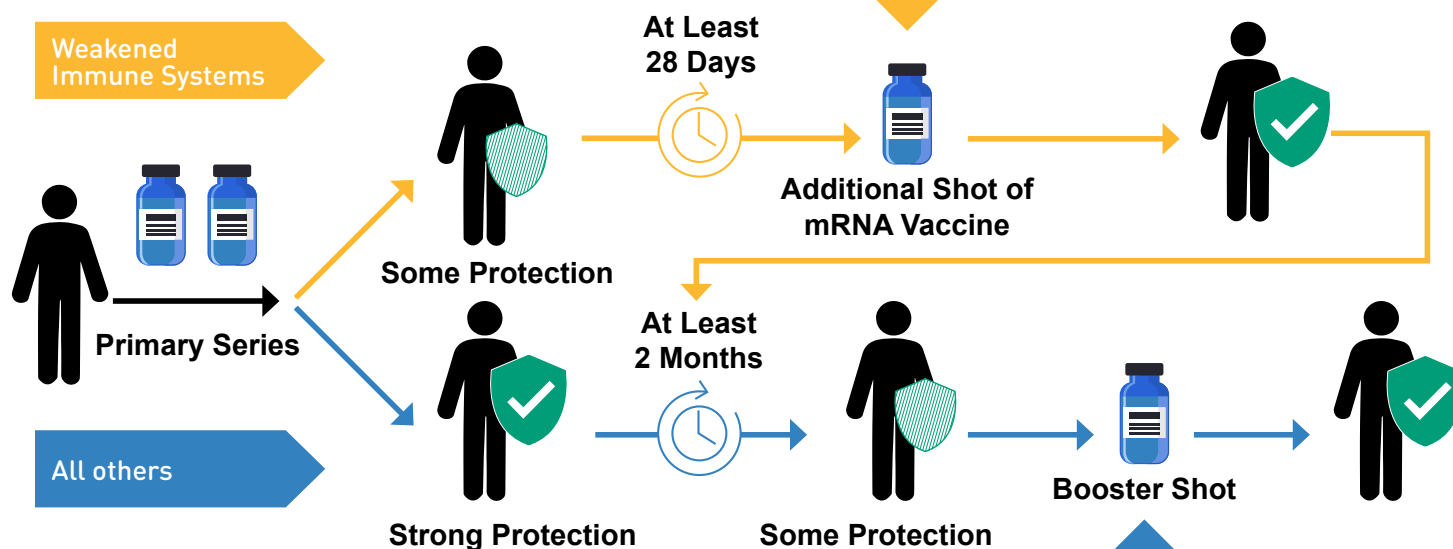


Why do we have additional shots and booster shots for COVID-19 vaccines? Are they the same?

Primary series, additional shots, and booster shots all use the same vaccines. They have different names to help you know who needs another shot, why, and when.

An **additional shot** is only meant for people with a weakened immune system. These people may not get the vaccine's strong protection from just two shots. They need an "additional shot" to jumpstart their bodies' defenses.



All people 5 years old and older, and all kids 6 months to 4 years old who got the Moderna vaccine, should get a **booster shot** as soon as they can.

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