COVID-19 Booster Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have questions about COVID-19 booster shots? Find your answers below and visit mass.gov/CovidVaccine

Why do I need to get a COVID booster?

The COVID-19 vaccine is highly effective, but like many vaccines, a booster shot is needed to ensure the most protection over time. The COVID-19 booster provides added protection from the virus and its variants. Getting a booster helps prevent serious illness, hospitalization and death.

Which boosters are available?

Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson boosters are now available. They are all safe, effective, and free.

What do I need to bring with me to get a booster?

You don’t need an ID, health insurance, or a vaccine card to get a COVID booster. However, having your health insurance card and COVID-19 vaccine card can make your visit as quick as possible.

Is it time for me to get my booster shot?

Everyone should stay up to date with their vaccinations based on age and health status. You can get a booster if you are 12+ and it has been 5 months since your second dose of Pfizer, if you are 18+ and it has been 5 months since your second dose of Moderna or 2 months since your single dose of Johnson & Johnson.

Which booster should I choose?

All boosters are effective and based on CDC and FDA guidance, can be mixed and matched. If you have questions about your booster shot, talk to your health care provider.

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