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 increases your body's ability to fight off the virus.

Which boosters are available?

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

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 be helpful to make your visit as quick as possible.

Is it time for me to get my booster shot?

Boosters provide the most possible protection against COVID-19, and everyone who is eligible should get their booster. You are eligible to get a booster if you are 18+ and it has been 6 months since your second dose of Moderna, if you are 16+ and it has been 6 months since your second dose of Pfizer, 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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