



# COVID-19 VACCINE FAQ

## Patient COVID-19 Vaccine Booster FAQ

### **What vaccines have been approved for booster doses?**

Booster shots are now available for the individuals 18+ who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine at least six months after their second dose.

Any individual who received a one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccination, may also receive a booster shot at least two months after their first shot.

Patients may mix and match their booster dose if they wish. However, the FDA and CDC dose advise that immunocompromised individuals stick to their original series for a booster shot.

### **Can I receive a booster dose if I received the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna?**

Yes. Booster shots are now available for the individuals 18+ who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine at least six months after their second dose.

### **Can I receive a booster shot if I received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine?**

Yes. The FDA and CDC recently approved a second shot of the one dose Johnson and Johnson series as soon as two months after your first shot.

### **Can I mix and match my booster dose?**

Yes. The FDA and CDC have approved mixing and matching of booster doses.

### **What if I am immunocompromised? Should I mix and match my booster?**

While the choice is up to each individual. The FDA and CDC advise immunocompromised individuals to stick with their vaccination series for booster shot.

### **Can I receive the influenza vaccine on the same day as my booster vaccine?**

Yes! The CDC has updated their guidance on the timing of the COVID-19 vaccine. You no longer need to space out the COVID-19 vaccine from other vaccines. You can get more than one vaccination at the same time.

### **Will additional booster shots be needed every year?**

We don't know the frequency with which booster shots will be necessary. We will update you as we obtain more information.

**Do I need to wear a mask after receiving a booster shot?**

Yes, we require all employees to wear a mask when indoors at Denver Health due to the continued high levels of COVID-19 in the community.

**How long do I need to be monitored after my booster vaccine?**

A period of monitoring is recommended after all vaccines, however, persons who have had their initial COVID-19 vaccination series without a serious reaction (rash, hives, swelling or trouble breathing) are not required to stay in the vaccination area after the booster.

**Should I expect even worse side effects after the booster shot?**

While everyone is different and it is impossible to predict for the individual, in a small study<sup>2</sup> of a third Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine given about 8 months after the initial series, rates of adverse events were similar, but not worse, than those seen after the second shot.