



COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: Is Cone Health offering booster shots to those recommended by FDA and CDC?

A: Yes. We are offering booster shots as of Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration took action to expand the use of a booster dose for the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccines in eligible populations.

Q: Who is eligible for a COVID-19 booster dose?

A: Those who received both the first and second doses of the **Pfizer** or **Moderna** COVID-19 vaccination **at least 6 months ago** and those who received a single dose of the **Johnson and Johnson** COVID-19 vaccine **at least 2 months ago** are eligible for a booster dose. CDC recommends:

- For individuals who received a **Pfizer-BioNTech** or **Moderna** COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series:
 - 65 years and older
 - Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
 - Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
 - Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings
- For those individuals who received the **Johnson and Johnson** COVID-19 vaccine the CDC recommends:
 - Age 18+ who received the single shot.
 - The Johnson and Johnson booster can be given at least two months after the initial dose.
 - Patients may get either another dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, or get Pfizer or Moderna (one of the mRNA vaccines).

Q: Do patients need to get the same vaccine type as their initial dose?

No, patients are able to mix and match. The CDC does not have a preference on whether people should mix and match booster shots or get the same vaccine that they have already received.

Q: Where is Cone Health offering booster shots?

A: We are offering COVID-19 vaccine booster shots at vaccine clinics in Alamance, Guilford, Randolph and Rockingham counties, with locations listed at [conehealth.com/vaccine](https://www.conehealth.com/vaccine). You can also call your doctor's office to find out if they are offering it.

Q: Do I need an appointment and if so how do I make an appointment?

A: Yes. Appointments are required. You can make an appointment by visiting conehealth.com/vaccine and selecting the date and location most convenient to you on our community vaccine clinic calendar. Or you may call 336-890-1188 Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Q: What should I do if your appointments are full?

A: While we have expanded our vaccine appointments, there may initially be more demand than capacity. We thank those in our community for their patience. You may use a non-Cone Health pharmacy or public health agency to receive your booster shot. A listing of locations in our region where COVID-19 vaccine booster shots are being offered is available at covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines.

Q: Is Cone Health considering a mass vaccination site for booster shots?

A: Currently, we will be at the Greensboro Coliseum on 10/30. Appointments required.

Q: Does it cost money to get the vaccine?

A: No, there are no out of pocket costs for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine booster shot.

Q: Will I need to prove when I got the vaccine or what type of COVID-19 vaccine I received?

A: When you schedule your booster shot appointment online or by phone, you will be asked what vaccine type you received and if Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson and Johnson and when you received last dose. We will not require proof beyond this initial attestation.

Q: Will patients need to have their vaccination card at the time of their appointment?

A: Your vaccine card is not required but bringing it would be useful, especially so we can document it with your latest vaccine dose.

Q: How can I get a new vaccine card if I lost mine?

A: Information on how to obtain your vaccination records is available at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines/after-youve-been-vaccinated/your-vaccine-information>.

Q: If my practice is giving vaccine shots can I schedule my booster with them?

A: Yes.

Q: Can I get my flu shot at the same time as the booster?

A: Yes, you can take flu and COVID-19 vaccine booster in two separate injections at the same time.

Q: If you had a reaction to the shot when receiving the first or second dose, what is the chance this will happen with the booster dose?

A: If you had a strong side effect or adverse reaction to the Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, you should consider discussing the booster shot with your primary care provider or allergist for guidance.

Q: Is the booster shot a different dose amount than was given in the first or second dose?

A: There is no change in booster dosage for Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson. The Moderna booster is half the dosage of the first two shots.

Q: Will I need to prove that I have a high-risk occupation?

A: No. At time of scheduling, you will need to state that you work in a high-risk occupation if that is what qualifies you for a vaccine booster shot. Evidence beyond that attestation will not be required.

Q: When will COVID-19 vaccinations be available for 5-11 year olds?

A: Cone Health is preparing to vaccinate 5-11 year olds as early as the first week of November pending CDC and FDA authorization.