



## 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, Sept. 28, 2021.

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

A: Only those who received both the first and second doses of the **Pfizer** COVID-19 vaccination **at least 6 months ago** are eligible for a booster dose, and they must meet one of the criteria detailed below. CDC recommends:

- people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- people aged 50–64 years with [underlying medical conditions](#) **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- people aged 18–49 years with [underlying medical conditions](#) **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks, and
- people aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

**Q: Where is Cone Health offering booster shots?**

A: We are offering COVID-19 vaccine booster shots at our community 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](https://www.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](https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines).

**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, when you received second dose. We will not require proof beyond this initial verification.

**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 or find out which vaccine type I received initially and when?**

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 doctor's office 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 either your first or second Pfizer 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: No, the booster dose is the same amount with the Pfizer vaccine.

**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 will not be required.

**Q: When will the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines be approved?**

A: We are monitoring FDA and CDC communications to be prepared to support broader booster vaccinations whenever these vaccine types may receive approval for a booster dose.

**Q: When will children 12 to 17 be approved for a booster dose?**

A: We are monitoring FDA and CDC communications to be prepared to support broader booster vaccinations for younger age groups if booster vaccines are authorized for new age groups.

**Q: When will children under age 12 be approved for COVID-19 vaccination?**

A: We are monitoring FDA and CDC communications to support broader COVID-19 vaccination for children age 5 to 12 if the vaccines become authorized for this age group.