



# Addressing Your Concerns About the COVID-19 Booster Shot

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## What is a booster?

- [COVID-19 vaccines are working well](#) to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death.
- To continue protection against mild and moderate disease, public health officials are recommending people receive an additional shot.
- Booster shots are an extra dose that will help to “boost” your immunity to COVID-19 and give you more protection from becoming infected.



## Who should get a booster?

All people experiencing homelessness who are 12 years and older should get the booster.

People who live in congregate settings like shelters and encampments live closely together and often have underlying medical conditions. This means you are at increased risk of infection from COVID-19.

## Who is eligible for a booster?

[Everyone ages 12 and older](#) who is:

- 2 months out from receiving the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.
- 5 months out from being fully vaccinated with Pfizer or Moderna.

## Which booster should I get?

You may [choose](#) either Pfizer or Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine for your booster shot. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster.

## What symptoms will I experience with the booster shot?

The most commonly reported side effects were:



Fatigue



Fever



Pain at the injection site



Headache

Serious side effects are rare, but may occur. For more information about symptoms please refer to [this flyer](#).

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Remember after you are vaccinated, you will need to continue to wash your hands regularly, wear a mask, and socially distance.