Who can get a booster shot?

The FDA and CDC have authorized booster shots of the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Mixing and matching is allowed. If you got the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, for example, you can get a Pfizer or Moderna booster. Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson booster shots are full doses; a Moderna booster shot is a half dose.

It's important to know:

- COVID-19 vaccines are doing an excellent job of preventing severe illness or death from COVID-19, even with the highly contagious delta variant.
- The CDC still considers you fully vaccinated if it’s been at least 2 weeks since you had:
  - 2 doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.
  - 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
- COVID-19 is spreading mostly among unvaccinated people, not people who haven't had boosters.

You qualify for a booster if:

- You completed Pfizer or Moderna vaccination 6+ months ago and you are at least one of the following:
  - Age 65+
  - Age 18+ and a resident of a nursing home or other long-term care setting
  - Age 18+ and have a medical condition that puts you at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19
  - Age 18+ and have a job that puts you at high risk of exposure to COVID-19

  OR

- You completed Johnson & Johnson vaccination 2+ months ago

You do not qualify for a booster if:

- You are younger than 18. Though the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for ages 5+, booster shots are authorized only for ages 18+.