WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT

# COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters for People With Underlying Medical Conditions

COVID-19 vaccines continue to be highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death due to COVID-19, including from the Delta variant. But protection appears to decrease over time, and people with underlying medical conditions are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19. As a result, some people are now eligible for a booster shot.

## Who Is Eligible for a Booster

You are eligible to get a booster shot if it's been at least 6 months since you got the second dose of a **Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna** vaccine, are at least 18 years old, and are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 because of an underlying medical condition, such as:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic lung diseases, including COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma, interstitial lung disease, cystic fibrosis, and pulmonary hypertension
- Dementia or other neurological conditions
- Type 1 or 2 diabetes
- Down syndrome
- Heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies, or hypertension)
- HIV infection

- Liver disease
- Overweight and obesity
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- Smoking, current or former
- Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
- Stroke or cerebrovascular disease, which affects blood flow to the brain
- Substance use disorders

If you have a condition that is not listed above, your health care provider can help you decide if a booster is right for you.

If you received Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine **and are 18+**, you are eligible for a booster **two months after your first dose. You do not need to have underlying conditions to be eligible.**

Mixing and matching vaccine brands may not be available at Austin Public Health Clinics. For more information about boosters, talk to a health care provider.

### How to Find Vaccines

You have many ways to find vaccines near you:

- Go to **vaccines.gov**
- Text **your ZIP code** to **438829**
- Call 512-974-2000