Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Booster

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Information Source: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- On September 24, 2021, the CDC recommended that the following groups who previously received the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine **should** receive a booster shot at least 6 months after completing their primary series (i.e., first 2 doses):
  - People aged **65 years and older**
  - Residents aged **18 years and older in long-term care settings**
  - People aged **50–64 years with underlying medical conditions**
- The CDC also recommended that the following groups **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after completing their primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks:
  - People aged **18–49 years with underlying medical conditions**
  - People aged **18–64 years at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting** (i.e., healthcare workers, teachers, grocery store employees, prison guards)
- Kick COVID's provider partners are now scheduling appointments and administering Pfizer boosters to thousands of eligible patients.
- If you live in Lackawanna County and need help planning your Pfizer booster, or if you are **medically homebound** and need a booster delivered, **dial 211**.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Who can get a COVID-19 vaccine booster shot today?**
   Anyone who received their primary series (i.e., first 2 doses) of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months ago and meets eligibility criteria outlined below is eligible to receive a booster shot of the same vaccine:
   - People aged 65 years and older
   - Residents aged 18 years and older in long-term care settings
   - People aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions
   - People aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions
   - People aged 18–64 years at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting (i.e., healthcare workers, teachers, grocery store employees, prison guards)

2. **What are the "underlying medical conditions"?**
   Examples of underlying medical conditions that put people at risk of becoming severely from COVID-19, and, therefore, justify the recommendation to receive a booster, include: pregnancy, HIV, asthma, COPD, smoking, cancer, chronic kidney disease, lung disease, Alzheimer's, sickle-cell anemia, and obesity, among others. Visit CDC.gov for a more complete listing.

3. **When can a booster of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine be given?**
   A booster can be given at least 6 months after completion of the primary series (i.e., first 2 doses). For

example, if you meet eligibility criteria and you completed your primary series of the Pfizer vaccine on April 15, 2021, then you would be able to receive a booster anytime on or after October 15, 2021.

4. **If boosters are recommended, does that mean that the vaccines aren't working?**
    No. COVID-19 vaccines are working well to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death, even against the widely circulating Delta variant. However, public health experts are starting to see reduced protection, especially among certain populations, against mild and moderate disease. Boosters are common for many vaccines to increase or boost the body's immune response.

5. **Does the booster deliver the same amount of vaccine as the first and second doses?**
    Yes.

6. **Are side effects from the booster similar to the second dose?**
    Yes, the side effects are very similar to the second dose.

7. **When can I get a booster if I am NOT in one of the recommended groups or if I received a different COVID-19 vaccine (Moderna or Johnson & Johnson)?**
    While additional populations may be recommended to receive a booster as more data become available, the vaccines approved in the U.S. continue to be effective at reducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death. Likewise, more data on the effectiveness and safety of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson boosters for the current and additional populations are expected soon.

8. **With flu season approaching, can I receive a flu vaccine at the same time that I receive a COVID-19 vaccine (1st, 2nd, booster)?**
    Yes.

9. **Will I need to see the same provider who administered my Pfizer-BioNTech primary series (i.e., first 2 doses) for my booster?**
    You can make an appointment with any provider that is convenient for you, regardless of whether or not the provider administered your earlier doses. Following are Kick COVID's provider partners in Lackawanna County:

Provider	Address	Phone/Web
Delta Medix, PC	The Marketplace at Steamtown 300 Lackawanna Ave. Ste. 200 Scranton, PA 18503	570-342-7864 www.deltamedix.com
DePietro's Pharmacy	617 3rd St. Dunmore, PA 18512	570-209-7440 www.depietropharmacy.com
Hometown Health Care of NEPA	921 Drinker Turnpike, Ste. 13 Daleville, PA 18444	570-795-9795 @hometownhealthNEPA on Facebook
Medicap Pharmacy Olyphant	518 Burke Bypass Olyphant, PA 18447	570-383-6700 http://olyphant.medicap.com/

Search for other providers at https://vaccines.gov. If you need additional vaccinations at the same time as your COVID shot, be sure to indicate so when making your appointment. Remember to bring your CDC vaccine card to your appointment.