

COVID-19 Booster Vaccines

[Pfizer] CDC recommends that the following groups **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 Vaccine at least 6 months after completing their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series (i.e., the first 2 doses of a COVID-19 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

If you are under 65, or older and have questions, talk with your medical provider if a booster is right for you. More information can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>

For **Moderna**, currently, CDC is recommending that moderately to severely immunocompromised people receive an additional dose. This includes people who have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

People should talk to their healthcare provider about their medical condition, and whether getting an additional dose is right for them.

It is expected that more information will come out soon regarding Moderna and Johnson & Johnson booster doses.

If you are eligible for a booster, find a vaccine clinic:

- Enter your zip code here: https://portal.ct.gov/Vaccine-Portal?language=en_US
- Text your zip code to GETVAX (438829) in English, or VACUNA (822862) in Spanish
- Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics Schedule: https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/DPH-van-clinics?language=en_US
- Walk in Clinic: AME Zion Church, 440 West Street, Middletown, Wednesdays from 4PM – 7PM
- Information on vaccine clinics in Durham will be coming out soon

COVID-19 Testing Locations

- CVS - https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing/?icid=covid_testing_dt_banner to make an appointment online
- Walgreens - <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing> to make an appointment online or call 800-925-4733
- You may also visit www.ct.gov/coronavirus and enter your zip code in the top right to find a testing site near you
- Free Testing in Middletown: Cross Street AME Zion Church, 440 West Street, Middletown: Tuesdays 3PM – 6PM, Thursdays 9AM – 12PM, and Saturdays 1PM – 4PM (Bring Insurance card, No appointment necessary) (Saliva-based test, do not eat or drink anything 30 minutes prior to your test)
- Free Drive-Thru Testing in Meriden: 13 Orange Street, Meriden: Tuesdays 9AM – 12PM, Thursdays 3PM – 6PM, Saturdays 9AM – 12PM (Bring Insurance card, No appointment necessary) (Saliva-based test, do not eat or drink anything 30 minutes prior to your test)