



# COVID-19 Third Dose vs. Booster

## *What's the difference?*

	Third Dose	Booster
Currently recommended for people who are <b>moderately to severely immunocompromised*</b>		
Helps <b>immunocompromised*</b> individuals who did not build enough protection with 2-dose vaccination		
Given at least 28 days after a 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose of the <b>Pfizer or Moderna</b> COVID-19 vaccine		
Helps those with <b>healthy immune systems</b> whose protection from vaccination has <b>decreased over time</b>		
Eligible 6 months after 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose of <b>Pfizer</b> vaccine for ages <b>65+</b> , long term care residents, and ages <b>18+</b> with high risk of severe COVID-19 due to <b>underlying health conditions</b> or workplace exposure**		
Available to people who received the <b>J&amp;J COVID-19 vaccine</b>		

\*Immunocompromised = an individual with a weakened immune system due to certain health conditions

\*\*For example healthcare workers, teachers and others whose job puts them at risk of severe COVID-19

**For more information visit [covid19.nj.gov/vaccine](https://covid19.nj.gov/vaccine) or call 855-568-0545**

Sources: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>;  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html>

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