



# Community Health Connections

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## WHO NEEDS AN ADDITIONAL COVID-19 VACCINE?

On August 18, 2021, federal health officials and medical experts announced that booster shots will be made available to all individuals who received the Moderna or Pfizer two-dose mRNA vaccine, starting eight (8) months after they have received their second shot. This includes people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised. [Click here for more details from the CDC.](#)

## WHEN WILL THE ADDITIONAL COVID-19 VACCINE BE AVAILABLE?

The current federal plan is to have booster shots available starting the week of September 20, 2021. CHC is actively reviewing this guidance from the CDC and the FDA to form a delivery plan for our caregivers and patients. We will share more information as soon as we know more.

## CAN I MIX AND MATCH THE VACCINES?

A third dose of the same mRNA vaccine should be used. Your CDC vaccination card will indicate whether you received the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine. If for some reason the mRNA vaccine given for the first two doses is not available, either mRNA COVID-19 vaccine product may be administered.

**Please note:** A person should not receive more than three mRNA vaccine doses.

## WHAT SHOULD PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED THE J&J/JANSSEN VACCINE DO?

Though the CDC is anticipating a booster shot for the J&J/Janssen vaccine, the current recommendations do not apply to this one-shot vaccine product. If you received the J&J/Janssen Vaccine, you do not need a booster shot at this time.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

For the most current information, please visit the [CDC](#) and [Mass.gov](#) websites.

If you or a loved one are immunocompromised, please read the [CDC updated recommendations](#), or you can contact your provider.

You can also visit the [state's vaccine finder website](#) to find a retail pharmacy or other location to get a booster injection.

If you have further questions about the booster shot, you can call CHC at 978-878-8100.