



## WHAT IS AN UPDATED COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOT?

An updated COVID-19 booster is different from the original booster. The updated booster is designed to help protect against recent Omicron variants.<sup>1</sup>

## WHY GET AN UPDATED COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOT?

COVID-19 continues to evolve, and recent Omicron variants are more transmissible than earlier variants.<sup>2</sup>

The original booster was designed for the original COVID-19 virus, and the updated booster is designed to help protect against both the original COVID-19 virus and recent Omicron variants.<sup>1,3</sup>

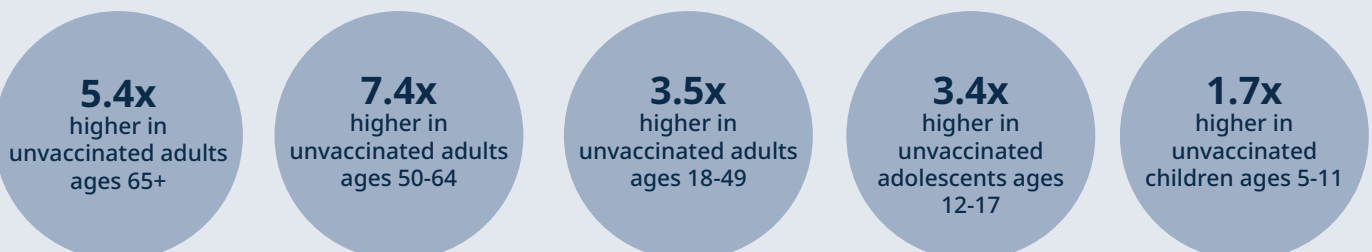
Getting an updated booster is important because of waning immunity and the emergence of recent Omicron variants.<sup>1</sup>

Stay up to date with vaccinations as a surge of COVID-19 infections is possible during the fall and winter.<sup>4</sup>

## CDC DATA ON THE ORIGINAL BOOSTER

COVID-19–Associated Hospitalization Rates<sup>5</sup>  
(January 2021 - August 2022)

In August 2022, compared to people who are up to date\* with COVID-19 vaccination, the risk of hospitalization was....



\*"Up-to-date" refers to people who have received all doses in the primary COVID-19 vaccination series, in addition to one or more additional dose or booster dose, when eligible.



## WHO SHOULD GET AN UPDATED COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOT?

Updated boosters are available **for adults and kids as young as 5**, even if they have completed a primary series and gotten an original booster. A single updated booster dose is available for eligible people at least 2 months after completing a primary series or receiving their most recent original booster shot.<sup>1,3</sup> If you have any questions, talk to your healthcare provider about your eligibility.



Scan or visit [www.vaccines.gov/search](https://www.vaccines.gov/search) to learn about eligibility and schedule an updated COVID-19 booster shot today.

## COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN UNDER AGE 5

It's important to help protect your whole family, including those **6 months to 4 years old**, from COVID-19 by staying up to date with primary series vaccinations.<sup>1</sup>

**Sign up at [www.covid19pfizer.com](https://www.covid19pfizer.com) to stay informed on the latest news regarding COVID-19 and related vaccine options.**

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