COVID-19 VACCINE
Latest Updates & Resources

Indiana Department of Health

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PFIZER: APPROVED FOR BOOSTERS

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration expanded its Emergency Use Authorization to include Pfizer boosters, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued recommendations.

The single booster dose can be administered at least six months after completion of the second dose and applies only to fully vaccinated individuals who previously received both doses of the Pfizer vaccine.

According to the CDC:

- Individuals ages 65 and older and residents of long-term care facilities **should** receive a booster dose.
- Individuals ages 50 to 64 with underlying medical conditions that put them at high risk of severe COVID-19 **should** receive a booster dose.
- Individuals ages 18 to 49 with underlying medical conditions **may** receive a booster dose, based on their individual benefits and risks.
- Individuals ages 18 to 64 who are at high risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of an occupational or institutional risk of exposure **may** receive a booster shot based on their individual benefits and risks.

To make an appointment, go to www.OurShot.IN.gov and search for a site that has the Pfizer vaccine, which is designated by PVAX, or call 211 for assistance. Bring your vaccination card to your appointment to ensure the booster dose is added. You will be asked to confirm that you meet the booster eligibility requirements, either in person or when you schedule online.

Individuals who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines are not yet eligible for boosters. Please note:

- You are still considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
- Don't forget your flu shot! Your flu shot can be co-administered with the COVID-19 primary or booster doses.
- A **third dose** of Pfizer or Moderna is recommended 28 days after the second dose for people with immunocompromised conditions, when the primary doses may not have been effective. A **booster dose** "boosts" the primary doses when immunity could be waning.

DASHBOARD UPDATES

The Indiana Department of Health has announced changes to the timing of its COVID-19 dashboard updates. The dashboards of www.coronavirus.in.gov and www.OurShot.IN.gov will now update by 5 p.m. daily. This will allow for more thorough review of the increasing volume of data before it is posted. School and long-term care dashboards will continue to update weekly.

IT'S OUR SHOT, HOOSIERS
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To date, **3,264,427** Hoosiers have been fully vaccinated!

COVID-19 & FLU SHOT:
IMS is a one-stop shop!

Noon – 8 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday | Now through Oct. 30
The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is offering the Pfizer vaccine (approved for boosters, additional shots for people with immunocompromised conditions, and children 12 and older) as well as the single-dose Johnson & Johnson. PLUS, this site is offering the flu vaccine while supplies last! No appointment required, but you may schedule one at OurShot.IN.gov by searching ZIP code 46222.

Dr. Kristina Box, Indiana State Health Commissioner and Dr. Lindsay Weaver, Indiana chief medical officer, hold a press conference at IMS to provide COVID-19 updates.

Helpful Resources

- What you can do if you are **fully vaccinated.**
- Know a homebound individual who needs a vaccine? Call 211. Agents can make an appointment.
- Get proof of vaccination at **Access Indiana.** Look for "Indiana Vaccination Portal".
- Register for a vaccination appointment at **OurShot.IN.gov** *(Chrome or Firefox).* Call Indiana 211 or (1-866-211-9966) if you have difficulty registering online.
  - Free rides to vaccine clinics are offered by IU Health. Call 1.888.IUHEALTH (1.888.484.3258) and choose option 9.
    - Free rides are also available to vaccination appointments at select **Kroger locations**. You will receive a code to use for Lyft ridesharing service with your appointment confirmation.
- **Learn about V-Safe,** the after-vaccination health checker, and the new **V-safe COVID-19 Pregnancy Registry.**
- V-safe is also available now in **multiple languages.**
- Report any adverse effects from any vaccine to the **Vaccine Adverse Effect Reporting System** (VAERS).