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Boosters Authorized for Individuals Who Received Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccinations

FREDERICK, MD -- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have given emergency use authorization for a single booster dose of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. The following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their second dose of Moderna:

- 65 years and older
- Long-term care residents and staff
- 18+ who have [underlying medical conditions](#) including asthma, diabetes, obesity
- 18+ who work and live in [high-risk settings](#), including:
 - First responders (police officers, firefighters, EMT)
 - Healthcare workers
 - Congregate care staff
 - Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers)
 - Food service workers
 - Agriculture workers
 - Manufacturing workers
 - Corrections workers
 - U.S. Postal Service workers
 - Public transit workers
 - Grocery store workers

Boosters doses for Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) are also recommended for those who are 18 years and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago.

Individuals will need to self-attest that they are in one of the categories listed above. No additional proof is needed.

FDA and CDC have also authorized mixing and matching for booster doses. Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose.

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Important note! Booster doses can be obtained from any vaccination clinic. It is not necessary to return to the same vaccination clinic where first and second doses were received to get a booster.

Vaccine is readily available in the community in walk-in and appointment required clinics.

- Go to [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or [marylandvax.org](https://www.marylandvax.org) for pharmacies and other locations.
- Frederick County Health Department vaccination clinics will begin offering Moderna and Johnson & Johnson boosters to eligible individuals today (Friday, October 22, 2021). Go to [our website](#) for upcoming health department vaccination clinics. Walk-ins will be taken as supply allows.
- For help scheduling an appointment, call 855-MDGoVax or 855-634-6829 between 8am and 8pm, seven days a week. Local help is also available at 301-600-7900 or 301-600-7505 for local help in Spanish.

The Maryland MDGoVax Call Center will begin calling and texting Marylanders who are eligible to receive boosters in the next few days. Calls will come from 240-673-2163 with the caller ID “MD Vaccine Cntr”. If you receive a call and you are not certain that it is a legitimate call, hang up and call the MDGoVax Call Center directly at 855-MD-GoVAX (855-634-6829).

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