

# COVID-19 Booster Vaccine Information

**Brown Medicine follows RI Dept. of Health (RIDOH) and CDC guidance for booster shots.**

**Boosters for those who are not immunocompromised, who received the Pfizer vaccine at least six months after their second dose of Pfizer:**

Only certain populations initially vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine can get a booster shot at this time:

- People aged 65 years and older and adults 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions should get a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.
- Residents aged 18 years and older of long-term care settings should get a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.
- People aged 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions may get a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine based on their individual benefits and risks.
- People aged 18-64 years at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting may get a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine based on their individual benefits and risks.
- Occupations at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission include front line essential workers and health care workers as previously detailed by the CDC (which may be updated in the future) as follows:
  - First responders (healthcare workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff)
  - Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers)
  - Food and agriculture workers
  - Manufacturing workers
  - Corrections workers
  - U.S. Postal Service workers
  - Public transit workers
  - Grocery store workers

**Boosters for those who are immunocompromised:**

Moderately to severely immunocompromised persons who have already received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine more than 28 days ago are eligible and no doctor's order or note is required. Immunocompromised people are/have:

- Active treatment for solid tumor and hematologic malignancies;
- Receipt of solid-organ transplant and taking immunosuppressive therapy;
- Receipt of CAR-T-cell or hematopoietic stem cell transplant (within two years of transplantation or taking immunosuppression therapy);
- Moderate or severe immunodeficiency (e.g., DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome);
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection;
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids (i.e., 20mg or more of prednisone or equivalent per day), alkylating agents, antimetabolites, tumor-necrosis (TNF) blockers, and other biologic agents that are immunosuppressive or immunomodulatory.

**Booster information:**

Third doses are available at many retail pharmacy, medical, state-run and hospital sites as well as community vaccination clinics throughout Rhode Island. Visit [vaccinateri.org](https://vaccinateri.org) or call **844-930-1779 or 2-1-1**. *Be sure to pay attention to the specific vaccine being administered at the site.*

Rhode Island uses a self-attestation model for people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised or have other qualifying conditions or work duties. They will not be required to provide documentation of their health status or work duties.

(This information is current as of 10/6/21 and is subject to change/update.)

The CDC website is a good source of up-to-date information:

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