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## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFERING BOOSTER DOSE OF COVID-19 VACCINE

CDC Approved Booster Dose Recommendations for Certain Populations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Tennessee Department of Health will begin offering booster doses of COVID-19 vaccines to certain populations, beginning Monday, October 25.

For individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after they complete the initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in [long-term care settings](#)
- Age 18+ who have [underlying medical conditions](#)
- Age 18+ who work or live in [high-risk settings](#)

Individuals who are 18 years and older and received the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine, a booster dose is recommended at two or more months after the initial vaccine.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. More information on the CDC's recommendation for a booster dose is available online at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Local health departments across the state will be administering COVID-19 booster doses. Not all types of vaccine will be available at all sites. Individuals are encouraged to check [vaccines.gov](#) to find a location that is offering their preferred COVID-19 vaccine. Information on appointment availability at local health departments can be found at <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/availability/>. Appointments are encouraged but not required. Booster vaccines are also widely available from pharmacies, medical clinics, and other sites.

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