COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOTS

A COVID booster shot is an additional dose of a vaccine given after the protection provided by the original shot(s) has begun to decrease over time. Typically, you would get a booster after the immunity from the initial dose(s) naturally starts to wane. The booster is designed to help people maintain their level of immunity for longer (Johns Hopkins Medicine)

Who is eligible?

- +65 years
- Age 18+ living in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work in high-risk settings
- Age 18+ who live in high-risk settings

DATA SUPPORTING NEED FOR A BOOSTER SHOT

- Studies show that after getting vaccinated against COVID-19, protection against the virus may decrease over time and be less able to protect against the Delta variant (CDC).
- Data from a small clinical trial show that a Pfizer-BioNTech booster shot increased the immune response in trial participants who finished their primary series 6 months earlier (CDC).
- With an increased immune response, people should have improved protection against COVID-19, including the Delta variant (CDC).

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html#Data