

COVID-19 VACCINE

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ADDITIONAL DOSE RECOMMENDED

If you are **moderately to severely** immunocompromised Last week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [recommended](#) people with specific conditions get an additional dose of Moderna or Pfizer* COVID-19 vaccine. (The additional dose must be at least 28 days past the second dose, You do not need a doctor's order but will likely be asked to provide verbal confirmation of eligibility.)

People in this group include:

- Recipients of organ or stem cell transplants
- People with advanced or untreated HIV infection
- People currently undergoing treatment for cancer
- People who are taking certain medications that suppress their immune system

Updated Guidance: FOR PREGNANT PEOPLE

Along with [recommendations](#) from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM), the CDC published [updated guidance](#) for pregnant people, as well as breastfeeding moms and people thinking of becoming pregnant.

The new recommendations were based on scientific evidence showing pregnant and recently pregnant people are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19, and at a higher risk of preterm birth. There is no evidence that the vaccine increases the risk of miscarriage. In addition, if you are thinking of getting pregnant, there is no scientific evidence of any vaccine, including the COVID-19 vaccine, causing infertility. Find a vaccine clinic near you at [OurShot.IN.gov](#).



To date, **3,026,218** Hoosiers have been fully vaccinated!

Public health and medical experts from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued on Aug. 18 a joint statement on COVID-19 booster shots:



"The available data make very clear that protection against SARS-CoV-2 infection begins to decrease over time following the initial doses of vaccination, and in association with the dominance of the Delta variant, we are starting to see evidence of reduced protection against mild and moderate disease."

— HHS statement

U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval is still needed, and it's estimated that this booster dose, a different formula than the initial doses, will be available by late September for individuals starting 8 months after their second dose. At that time, the individuals who were fully vaccinated earliest in the vaccination rollout, including many healthcare providers, nursing home residents, and other seniors, will likely be eligible for a booster.

**No additional doses for people who received a single dose of Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) is recommended at this time.*

Three days left!

As part of the Indianapolis Colts training camp at [Grand Park Sports Campus](#) in Westfield, a [COVID-19 vaccine clinic](#) will be on-site administering the two-dose Pfizer vaccine, approved for people 12 and older. The second vaccine dose will be scheduled when you receive your first dose. **No appointment necessary.**

HOURS: Today and Aug 19, 23 & 24: 8 a.m. – noon



The vaccine is our best tool against COVID-19.

Learn why Rose Anderson decided to get vaccinated.

Dozens of mobile clinics are traveling around the state!

Check [OurShot.IN.gov](#) for a location near you. You can find details on location, vaccine type, and hours listed for each clinic.

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.
- Proof of vaccination is available at [Access Indiana](#). Scroll down to the "Indiana Vaccination Portal" tile, create an account, and download a vaccination certificate.
- 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. ALL vaccine clinics take walk-ins.
 - 211 can also arrange a free voucher for transportation to and from the clinic, from the rideshare service Uber.
- Free rides to vaccine clinics are also offered by IU Health. Call 1.888.IUHEALTH (1.888.484.3258) and choose option 9.
- [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 \(VAERS\)](#).