Why Should I Get Vaccinated and Boosted for COVID-19?

Booster doses are recommended for individuals age 12 or older. They are needed to ensure you have the most protection against COVID-19 and its variants.

What to know about COVID-19 vaccines?

- If you got Pfizer or Moderna for your primary series, you can get a COVID-19 booster dose at least five months after completing your primary series. If you got Johnson & Johnson for your primary series, you can get a COVID-19 booster dose at least two months after your primary COVID-19 vaccination.

- People with moderately to severely compromised immune systems should get an additional dose of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) 28 days after their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or 28 days after their first dose of Johnson & Johnson. This additional dose is part of your primary series.

- The vaccine is **free**. You **do not need insurance**. You **do not need to give information about immigration status**.

Lots of different people have gotten the COVID-19 vaccine with the same **great results**, including **Black, Indigenous,** and other **people of color**; people with **health conditions**; people with **disabilities**; and **pregnant** people.

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick.

- Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, and similar to what we know from other recommended vaccines, people who are up to date with their vaccines are well protected from serious illness or other poor health outcomes. Staying up to date with your vaccines means getting your booster dose.

People who are up to date on vaccinations are highly protected against COVID-19, including against variants.

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Why is the COVID-19 vaccine important for people with developmental or physical disabilities?

• People with disabilities who receive supports may be more likely to be in contact with many people, increasing the risk of being with someone who has COVID-19. Some people with disabilities have a hard time fighting off diseases like COVID-19 and are at risk of getting very sick.

Vaccines and boosters are available all over Rhode Island.
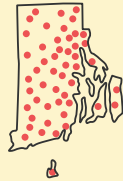
We can help

Contact us for help with:

• Scheduling COVID-19 vaccine, booster, or testing appointments
• Access to in-home vaccination programs
• Finding vaccine and testing locations
• Answers to your vaccine questions
• Transportation
• Language and access services
• Other services and supports

Call: 401-462-4444 or 211
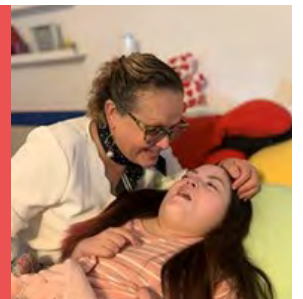
Visit: unitedwayri.org/get-help/point

Visit: C19vaccineri.org

> **"The reason I decided to receive the vaccine was to protect the health of my daughter since her health can be compromised."**
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> - Elizabeth Santana of Woonsocket

It's okay if you still have questions. Talk to a trusted healthcare provider. Visit **C19vaccineRI.org** to learn more. Email **RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov**. Adults 55+ and individuals with a disability can call the Point at **401-462-4444 or 211**. The Point can answer your questions about COVID-19 and connect you to services.

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