

# COVID-19 VACCINE

## Latest Updates & Resources



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### EVERYONE 18+ SHOULD GET A COVID-19 BOOSTER

On Nov. 29, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released [new guidance](#), stating that anyone 18 and older **should** receive a COVID-19 booster. Remember: the timing of your booster is important. You must wait at least six months after a Pfizer or



Moderna two-shot primary series, or two months after the single-dose Johnson & Johnson. If it's already been longer than that since you got your primary vaccination, [schedule a booster shot](#) now at any vaccination site that offers the vaccine type you prefer.

#### More booster news:

- CDC director Dr. Rochelle Walensky released a statement on Nov. 29 outlining the [expanded booster guidance](#).
- And remember: You can [mix and match](#). You may prefer the vaccine type you originally received or decide to get a different booster.
- Pfizer is expected to apply for an Emergency Use Authorization this week for approval of its vaccine for teens 16 and 17. Approval is expected soon.
- Most sites at [OurShot.IN.gov](#) are administering boosters. Please note: Some sites are only offering Pfizer vaccine (no boosters) for kids 5 – 11. Those sites have a red pin.
- Booster dose data are now on the [vaccine dashboard](#), which is updated by 5 p.m. weekdays.



To date, **3,442,266** Hoosiers have been fully vaccinated!

### NEW VARIANT OF CONCERN: Omicron

On Nov. 25, the World Health Organization identified the Omicron variant of the SARS CoV-2 virus as a [variant of concern](#). The CDC [announced today](#) that the first case has been identified in the United States. According to the [CDC's news release](#), vaccines and boosters are our best defense. In addition, vaccine manufacturers are working to understand how well their vaccines defend against this new variant, with [Moderna releasing a news release](#).

### OURSHOT.IN.GOV

The OurShot map is updated daily with the latest mobile vaccine clinic additions, changes to existing units and indicating drive-thru sites, and clinics offering pediatric vaccine for kids age 5-11. Find a vaccine clinic near you at [OurShot.IN.gov](#).

### VACCINE CLINIC CONTINUES AT INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY



#### IndyCar parking lot, 4551 W. 16th St., Indy

Now through December 22, a drive-thru clinic at Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) offers all three COVID-19 vaccines, including the pediatric Pfizer dose for kids 5 to 11. The [flu vaccine](#) is available while supplies last.

#### Dates & times:

##### Dec. 1 – Dec. 11

Tuesday – Friday, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Saturday, 8 a.m. - noon

##### Dec. 14 – Dec. 22

Tuesday, Dec. 14 to Friday, Dec. 17 | Noon – 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 18 and Sunday, Dec. 19 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 20 – Wednesday, Dec. 22 | noon – 8 p.m.

### UPDATED NOV. 23: Vaccination Guidance for Children & Teens

Essentially, all kids 5+ should receive the COVID-19 vaccine. It's more critical than ever to know the facts. Mythbusting information on vaccines for children can be found [HERE](#).

### Helpful Resources

- What you can do if you are [fully vaccinated](#).
- Know a homebound individual who needs a vaccine? Call 211. Agents can help.
- Get proof of vaccination at [Access Indiana](#). Look for "Indiana Vaccination Portal".
- 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.
- Free rides to vaccine clinics are offered by IU Health. Call 1.888.IUHEALTH (1.888.484.3258) and choose option 9.
  - Free rides are also available to vaccination appointments at select [Kroger locations](#). You will receive a code to use for Lyft ridesharing service with your appointment confirmation.
- [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 \(VAERS\)](#).