Getting Your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card

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What You Need to Know

- At your first vaccination appointment, you should get a CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record card that tells you what COVID-19 vaccine you received, the date you received it, and where you received it.
- Keep your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record card for future use. Consider taking a picture of your card after your vaccination appointment as a backup copy.
- If you did not receive a CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record card at your first appointment, contact the vaccination provider site where you got your first shot or your state health department to find out how you can get a card.

If You Need Another Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine

**Bring your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record card with you to your appointment if you need another shot of COVID-19 vaccine** so your provider can fill in the information about your additional shot.

**If you have lost your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record card or don’t have a copy**, contact your vaccination provider directly to access your vaccination record.

- If you cannot contact your vaccination provider site directly, contact your state health department’s immunization information system (IIS). Vaccination providers are required to report COVID-19 vaccinations to their IIS and related systems.
- If you enrolled in v-safe or VaxText after your first vaccine dose, you can access your vaccination information using those tools.
- If you have made every effort to locate your vaccination information, are unable to get a copy or replacement of your vaccination card, and need another COVID-19 vaccine dose, talk to a vaccination provider.

CDC does not maintain vaccination records or determine how vaccination records are used, and CDC does not provide the white CDC-labeled COVID-19 Vaccination Record card to people. These cards are distributed to vaccination providers by state health departments.

Please contact your state health department if you have additional questions about vaccination records. Your local or state health department can also provide more information about the laws or regulations in your area.

Bring Your Card If You Get a Second Dose, Additional Dose, or Booster Dose

- **A second dose** is necessary as part of the primary vaccine series for those who receive a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. You must complete a primary vaccine series (2 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson (J&J)/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine) to be considered fully vaccinated.
- **An additional primary dose** is for people who do not build enough or any protection from their primary vaccine series. This appears to be the case for some immunocompromised people who received Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines.
- **A booster dose** is for people who built enough protection after completing their primary vaccine series, but then that protection decreased over time. Some groups of people are recommended to get a booster shot at least 6 months after getting their second shot. You can get any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States for your booster shot.