

Our Healthcare Workers Need Your Help.

Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine & Get Boosted.

At Blanchard Valley Health System our top priority is keeping our patients and associates safe. We encourage everyone to get the COVID-19 vaccine and booster shot.

When is best to test?

- **Exposure:** Fully vaccinated (including booster) should be tested at 5-7 days after being exposed to someone with COVID-19 or immediately if you develop symptoms.
- Unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated people should be tested immediately after being notified of exposure and again 5-7 days after the exposure or immediately if you develop symptoms.
- **Symptomatic:** When you become symptomatic with COVID-like symptoms, you should perform a home-test or contact your healthcare provider for testing options.

Who Can Get a Booster Shot?

<p>IF YOU RECEIVED</p> <p>Pfizer-BioNTech</p>	<p>Who should get a booster:</p> <p>Adults 18 years and older</p> <p>Who may get a booster:</p> <p>Teens 16-17 years old</p>	<p>When to get a booster:</p> <p>At least 6 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series</p>	<p>Which booster can you get:</p> <p>Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations</p> <p>Teens 16-17 years old may get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster</p>
<p>IF YOU RECEIVED</p> <p>Moderna</p>	<p>Who should get a booster:</p> <p>Adults 18 years and older</p>	<p>When to get a booster:</p> <p>At least 6 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series</p>	<p>Which booster can you get:</p> <p>Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations</p>
<p>IF YOU RECEIVED</p> <p>Johnson & Johnson's Janssen*</p>	<p>Who should get a booster:</p> <p>Adults 18 years and older</p>	<p>When to get a booster:</p> <p>At least 2 months after receiving your J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination</p>	<p>Which booster can you get:</p> <p>Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations</p>

*COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots | CDC visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>

Why are booster shots important?

- COVID-19 vaccines are working well to prevent severe illness, hospitalization and death. However, public health experts are starting to see reduced protection over time against mild and moderate disease, especially among certain populations with only the initial vaccine series, thus making the booster vaccine so important.
- The recent emergence of the Omicron variant further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, and prevention efforts needed to protect against COVID-19.
- Data from clinical trials showed that a booster shot increased the immune response in trial participants who finished a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna primary series six months earlier or who received a Johnson & Johnson/Janssen single-dose vaccine two months earlier.
 - With an increased immune response, people should have improved protection against getting infected with COVID-19. For Pfizer-BioNTech and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen, clinical trials also showed that a booster shot helped prevent severe disease.

Because vaccines are not 100% effective, as the number of people who are fully vaccinated goes up, we expect the number of vaccine breakthrough infections will also increase. However, the risk of infection remains much higher for unvaccinated than vaccinated people. Booster vaccines help to increase the level of antibody and prevent breakthrough cases, also reducing the ease of spreading the disease.



For information about vaccination clinics and more, scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile device, or visit bvhsvaccineconnect.com

To receive the COVID-19 vaccine by appointment, please call Hancock Public Health: 419.424.7441 to make an appointment. Or call the public health office in your county of residence.