COVID-19 Vaccine Booster FAQs:

If people need a booster, does that mean that vaccines aren't working?

COVID-19 vaccines are working. They have been proven to be safe and effective at preventing serious disease or hospitalization. Boosters for immunocompromised individuals are necessary because they are especially vulnerable as they may not build the same level of immunity with two-dose vaccine compared to people who are not immunocompromised.

Is the booster shot different from previous vaccines??

No. A booster shot is an additional dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines.

How do I know if I qualify for a booster?

If you are currently on immunosuppressant (therapy) medication you should contact your doctor or healthcare provider for advice whether you should receive a third dose of the same vaccine.

Do I still need to wear a mask if I receive the booster?

Yes. Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, should wear a mask in public indoor spaces to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect the immunocompromised and those medically unable to get vaccinated, such as children under the age of 12.

If some people can get booster shots, why are children still unable to get vaccinated?

Testing continues on the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines for children. Recent media reports suggest the FDA will be able to evaluate vaccines for children later this year.

I'm not vaccinated, can I still get my initial vaccine shots?

Yes. The vaccines are safe, effective, and available at no cost.
Call 1-866-610-3885 or text "WAYNE VAX" to 48355 to make an appointment.
More information is available at WayneCounty.com/COVID19.

Where can I get a booster?

Immunocompromised residents can receive a booster at a Wayne County vaccine clinic. Call 1-866-610-3885 or text "WAYNE VAX" to 48355 to make an appointment. More information is available at WayneCounty.com/COVID19.

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