

NEW COVID BOOSTERS

And what they mean for you

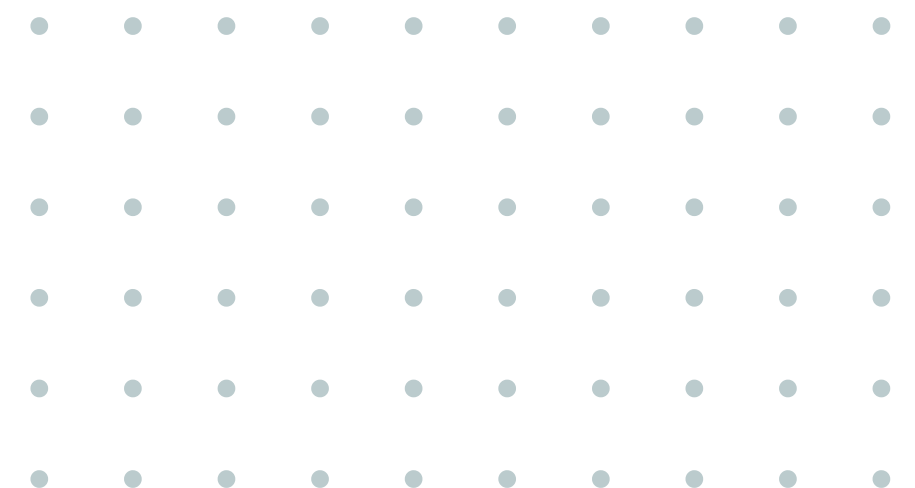


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WHO CAN GET THE NEW BOOSTERS?

Everyone!

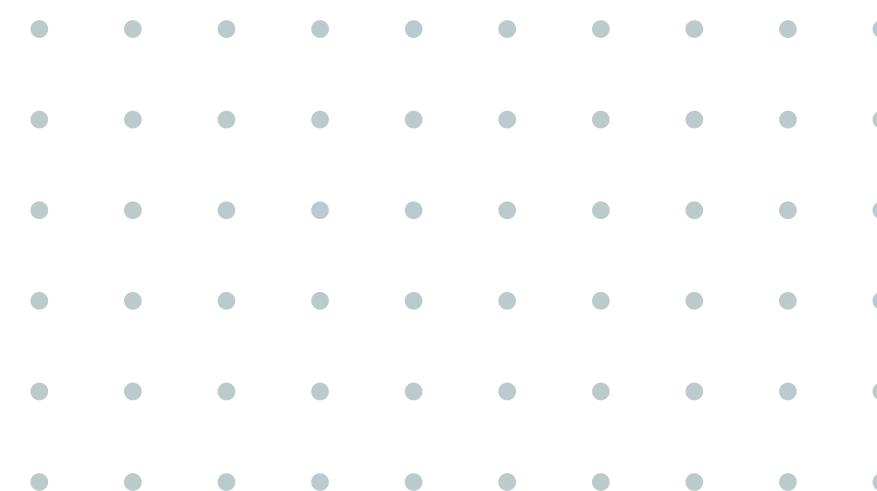
- Most people 5 and older, including those who are pregnant, will be able to receive one dose a year.
- Anyone between 6 months and 4 years, older than 65, or with compromised immune systems, can get one or two shots.



WHO SHOULD GET THE NEW BOOSTERS?

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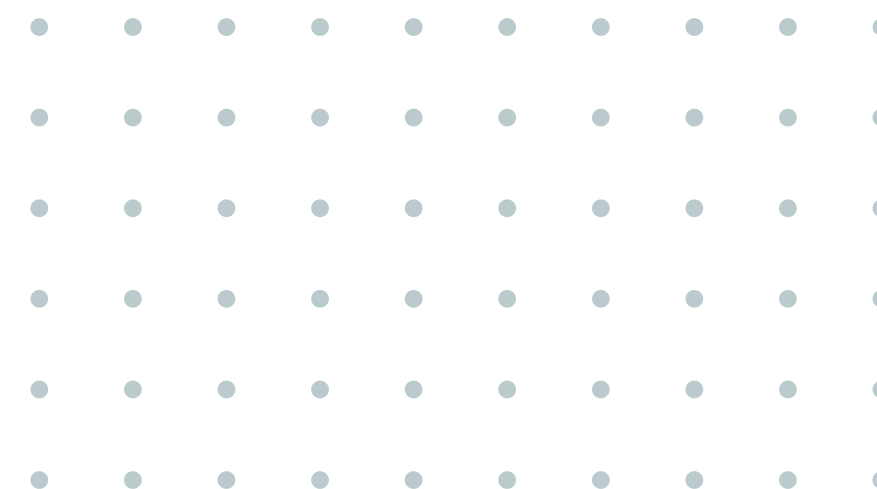
- The CDC's recommendation is not limited to high-risk individuals.



WHO SHOULD PAY FOR THE NEW BOOSTERS?

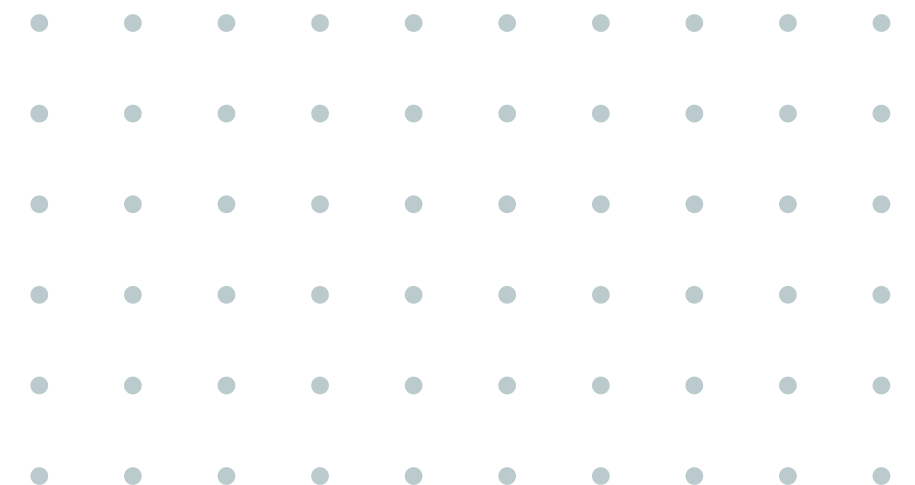
No one!

- Most health insurance plans will cover the cost.
- Until December 2024, the federal government will pay for people without insurance, or whose insurance doesn't cover the boosters. Check [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to see where you can get a free booster.



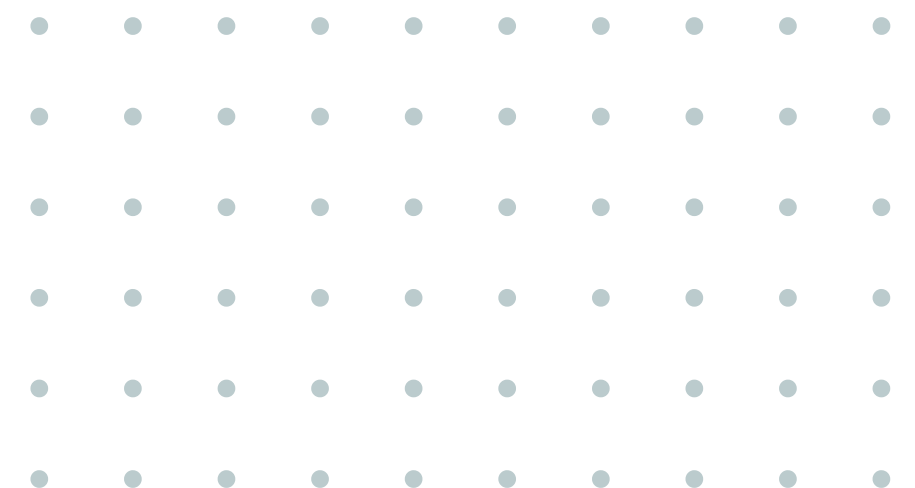
WHY SHOULD WE GET BOOSTED?

- COVID keeps changing, just like the flu. Boosters only work for so long, just like the flu. Your booster shot from last year won't work this year.
- The costs are covered!



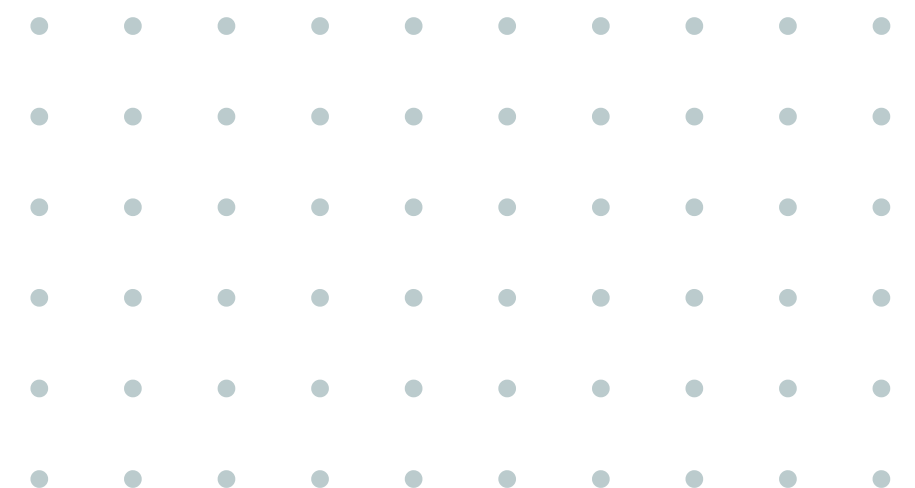
WHY SHOULD WE GET BOOSTED?

- Having everyone get boosted adds protection for vulnerable individuals. For example, churches and other faith communities tend to have older community members.
- It helps to avoid a “tripledeemic” of COVID, flu, and RSV.



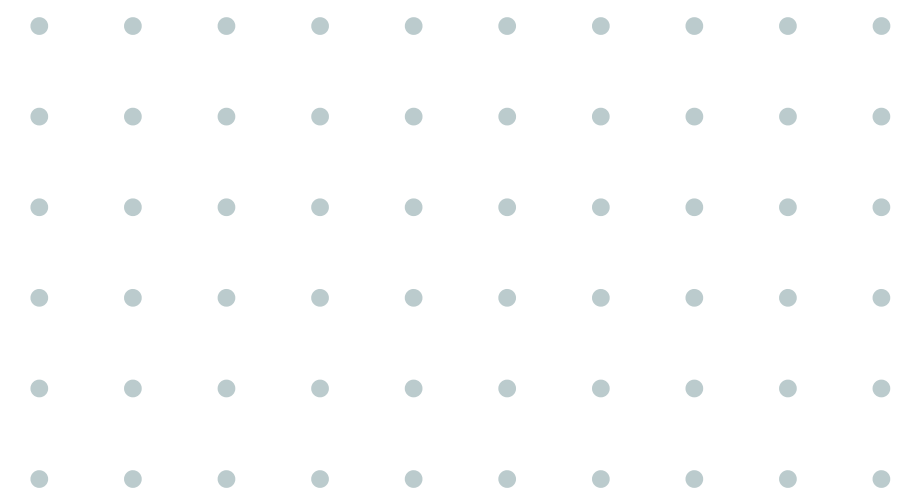
WHY SHOULD WE GET BOOSTED?

- Worship services and other events draw significant numbers of people together. It's in everyone's self-interest to make sure everyone gets boosted.
- Widespread vaccination minimizes disruption in the life of the community.



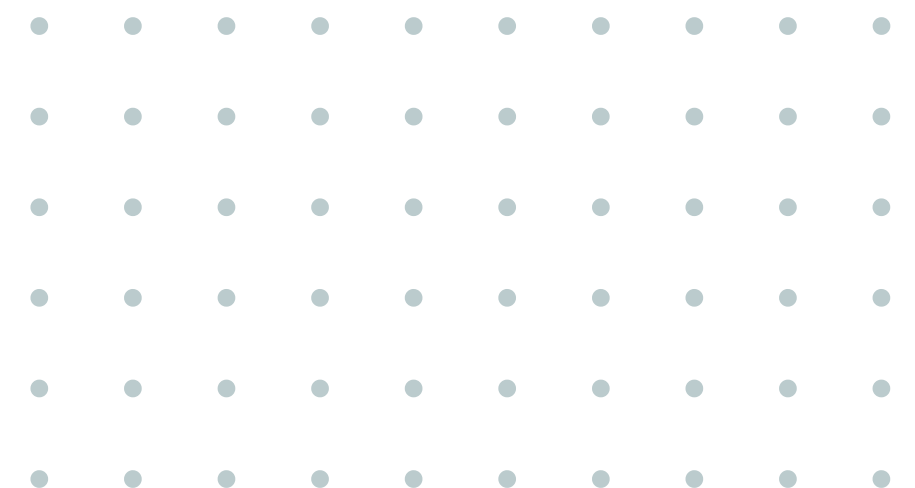
WHEN SHOULD WE GET BOOSTED?

- About 2 months after your last shot, or 3 months after your last infection.
- If you are in a high-risk category or care for someone who is, you may want to consider getting a booster sooner.



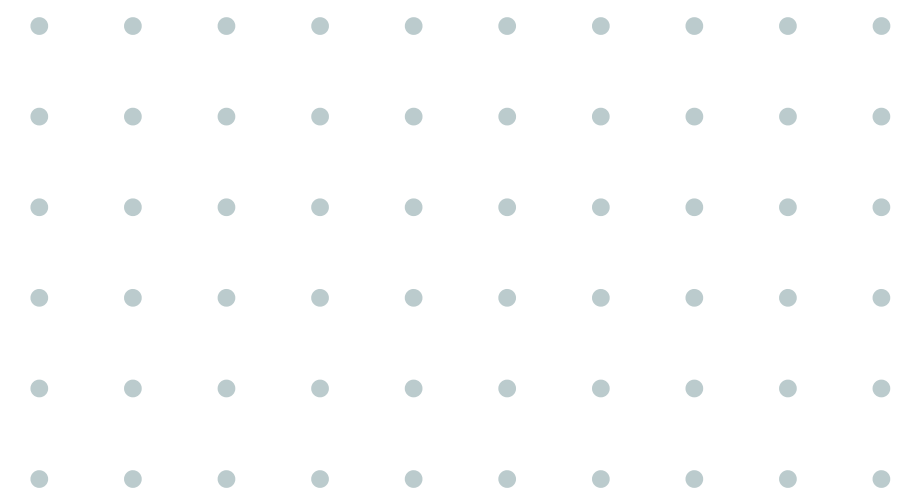
WHAT ELSE SHOULD WE KNOW?

- Currently, only Pfizer and Moderna boosters are available. The Novavax booster should be available sometime this fall.
- Things look okay in Wisconsin at the moment. It's likely COVID infections and hospitalizations will increase, but it's not clear by how much.



WHAT ELSE SHOULD WE KNOW?

- All of this applies to flu and RSV vaccination. Get your shots!
- We're not sure if vaccine providers will want to do remote clinics. If they do, we will recruit churches to host.



MORE QUESTIONS?

- Contact your WCC Field Coordinator, or Community Health Program Director Daniel Schultz at: danschultz@wichurches.org or: 608-837-3108 x31

