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[upbeat music]

[title card is read by narrator]

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[A vaccine booster icon appears. An animated dotted line circles around the booster icon. The area outside the icon turns yellow and we can see viruses.]

Vaccination is the best protection we have against COVID-19. The vaccines available provide strong protection, especially against severe illness and death.

[The area inside the dotted circle changes from the vaccine booster icon to an illustration of a diverse group of people wearing masks. Icons of hearts float up around the group of people.]

Vaccination helps your community by reducing the spread of the virus. This protects those who are not yet able to get vaccinated or those who do not respond as well to the vaccine.

[The scene changes. We see a single yellow virus. Variants of the virus begin to appear with lines connecting them back to the original. Little vaccine icons appear next to the variants, vaccines still protect against these variants.]

The vaccines are effective against the variants we're seeing today.

[More variants appear until the screen is full.]

– but every new infection gives the virus an opportunity to mutate further and potentially escape our vaccines.

[The scene changes. A graph appears. The graph's y axis is immunity and x axis is time. There is a line showing a person's level immunity over time. The immunity starts high after getting a vaccine and after enough time passes, it starts to slowly decline. On the declining line, there is an icon for a booster vaccine. The immunity line rises after the booster, returning to a high level of immunity.]

The COVID-19 booster shots, like boosters for other routine vaccines, help you maintain a high level of immunity against the virus.

[onscreen text with vaccine icon, It's important to get the initial series of the COVID-19 vaccine.]

But getting that initial protection is still critically important.

[The scene changes. A screen is shown of a person navigating through the vaccines.gov website.]

If you have not been vaccinated, now is the time. Visit vaccines.gov to find a provider near you.

[roll-up your sleeves Minnesota logo]

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