

# Why are COVID-19 vaccine booster shots necessary?

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Medical researchers have been monitoring how long protection from the COVID-19 vaccines remains high.

COVID-19 vaccines continue to be highly effective at reducing the risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death ... but new data suggest that protection against infection decreases over time.

Like many other routinely administered vaccines,

The recommended timing is based on research showing when boosters are most effective at increasing immunity.

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