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**Make sure you book your COVID-19 booster to maximise protection**

People aged 18 and over can book boosters online.

All adults aged 18 and over can book their appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine booster through the online portal on NHS inform: [www.nhsinform.scot/covid19vaccinebooster](http://www.nhsinform.scot/covid19vaccinebooster) If you are unable to access the online portal you can book an appointment through the National Helpline on 0800 030 8013.

Even if you’ve been double-vaccinated, your immunity against COVID-19 wanes over time. That’s why boosters are necessary. The booster vaccine gives you the protection you need against serious COVID-19 illness. Local Health Boards are offering additional drop-in facilities -  you can find information on local health board websites and social media.

Appointments must be booked at least 12 weeks after a second dose however adults with a confirmed case of the virus since receiving a vaccine should wait four weeks from testing positive to receive their booster. Even if you have had COVID-19 it is still important you come forward and complete your vaccination course to maximise your protection.You can view a short video on how to use the booking portal at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=PiEd6-r\_dKU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PiEd6-r_dKU)

Anyone in earlier groups who missed their vaccination can book an appointment by calling the National Helpline on **0800 030 8013**which is open from 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week.

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For more information about the COVID-19 booster vaccine visit: [www.nhsinform.scot/covid19vaccinebooster](http://www.nhsinform.scot/covid19vaccinebooster)