

The masks are gone,
so is the fear.
But the threat of

COVID's New Variants* IS STILL HERE



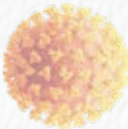


FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q.1 Why do I need a COVID booster? I have already received two doses of COVID vaccine.

- The Omicron variants of Corona Virus are still causing COVID and impacting healthcare systems and economies across the globe.
- The Vaccines that were given earlier as 2 dose primary series were based on Wuhan strain and may not be highly effective against currently circulating Omicron strain and its variants.
- The World Health Organization (WHO), in its 2023 guidelines, recommends an Omicron-specific booster dose for the elderly and adults with co-morbidities (diabetes, cardiac diseases, immunocompromised and obesity) to minimize deaths, severe disease and overall disease burden.

Q.2 Which age group is this vaccine indicated for?

- WHO recommends Omicron booster to high priority groups including older adults and adults with comorbidities.
 - In India, NTAGI recommends Omicron booster for individuals over 60 years of age and all adults who are comorbid or with weak immunity (immunocompromised).
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Q.3

Can I receive mRNA Omicron booster if I have already received a precautionary dose?

- Please consult your doctor for more information.

Q.4

Has this vaccine been tested in India?

- Yes, Omicron booster vaccine has been tested in ~3000 subjects across 13 cities in India. This booster vaccine generated higher antibody response against Omicron variant compared to the traditional vaccines. The findings of the trial also indicate that this booster vaccine is safe and well tolerated.



Q.5 What is an mRNA vaccine? How is it different from other vaccines?

- Traditional vaccines use weakened/killed germs that are introduced into our bodies. Messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines, on the other hand, teach human cells how to make viral protein which then triggers an immune/antibody response against the virus.
- The composition of mRNA vaccines can be modified quickly which helps in fighting the emerging variants.

Q.6 Are mRNA vaccines available globally?

- Over 450 crore doses of mRNA vaccines have been distributed in over 180 countries, preventing COVID since 2020,

Q.7 How is this vaccine administered?

- Omicron booster vaccine is administered intradermally (in the skin) via a needle-free device for enhanced immune response.
- Needle-free administration also helps reduce needle phobia

