



Does getting a booster mean the first vaccines didn't work?

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Answer: NO.

1. The vaccines against COVID-19 remain effective, even if we might need booster shots.
2. For most diseases, more than one dose of vaccine is necessary to get the best possible immunity.
3. Many standard childhood vaccines require booster shots. For example, children get multiple vaccinations against measles, mumps and rubella.
4. Even without a booster shot, COVID-19 vaccines help reduce severe forms of illness, but like almost all vaccines, this protection fades with time.



Did you know that?

- The vast majority of people who need emergency care for COVID-19 are not vaccinated.
- If you are fully vaccinated, you might catch COVID-19, but you are less likely to get very sick.
- Many people get vaccinated against the flu every winter. This is because the flu virus changes slightly every year, so new vaccines have to change slightly too. (1)

(1) <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/keyfacts.htm>

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