The COVID-19 vaccines continue to work and they work well—preventing severe illness and hospitalization. Boosters live up to their name—during Omicron, vaccine effectiveness against hospitalization was 91% during the first two months after a booster and remained high, at 78%, four or more months after a third dose. 

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The side effects from a booster are similar to the symptoms experienced after the first COVID-19 vaccine doses. Pain at the injection site, fever, and body aches after the vaccine are normal signs that your body is building protection against COVID-19.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Getting a COVID-19 booster shot after recovering from COVID-19 increases your body’s immune response helping improve protection against reinfection, which is particularly important in the wake of the Omicron variant.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 vaccines remain highly effective against the virus, but protection can wane over time. Booster shots increase the level of immune response in those who are fully vaccinated and provide more protection against COVID-19.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention