



Getting Vaccinated to Protect Against COVID-19 Illness

Updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and recommended to everyone 6 months and up.

- Most people ages 5 years and older just need one updated 2023-2024 dose to be up to date.
- Children 6 months-4 years may need more than one dose of an updated 2023-2024 mRNA COVID-19 vaccine in order to be up to date with COVID-19 vaccination.
- People 6 months and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised should complete a 3-dose series and may receive additional doses of the updated 2023-2024 at least 2 months after their last dose.
- Adults 65 years old and older should receive an additional dose of 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months after their last 2023-2024 dose.

Which COVID-19 vaccines are currently available?

Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty

2023-2024 formula, 6 months and older*

Moderna/Spikevax

2023-2024 formula, 6 months and older*

Novavax

2023-2023 formula, 12 years and older

**Comirnaty and Spikevax are brand names of the mRNA vaccines currently approved for ages 12 and older. Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines are authorized for ages 6 months and older.*

Is it safe to receive other vaccines at the same time as the COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes, it is safe to get a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time that you get other vaccines. You do not need to schedule other recommended vaccines separately from COVID-19 vaccination. A COVID-19 vaccine appointment is another opportunity to get caught up on all recommended vaccines.

How many doses does my child need to be up to date?

Unvaccinated children 6 months – 4 years old are recommended to receive 2 doses of updated 2023-2024 Moderna COVID-19 vaccine or 3 doses of updated 2023-2024 Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Previously vaccinated children 6 months – 4 years old are recommended to receive 1 or 2 doses of an updated 2023-2024 Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine (timing and number of doses to administer depends on the previous COVID-19 vaccine[s] received).

Children 5 years and older are up to date with COVID-19 vaccination if they receive at least 1 dose of an updated 2023-2024 Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Individuals 12 years of age and older who are unvaccinated may consider 2 doses of 2023-2024 Novavax COVID-19 vaccine, Adjuvanted, 3 weeks apart.

Individuals 12 years of age and older who were previously vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine (and who have not already been vaccinated with a recently updated mRNA COVID-19 vaccine) may consider 1 dose of 2023-2024 Novavax COVID-19 vaccine, Adjuvanted, at least 2 months after their last dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Children 6 months and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should complete a 3-dose series and may receive one or more additional updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine dose(s) at least 2 months after their last dose.

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Is there a cost for COVID-19 vaccines?

All children 18 years of age and under have access to COVID-19 vaccines via the [Childhood Vaccine Program](#) (English only) at no cost to the patient. If you have public or private health insurance, your vaccine provider may bill them to get reimbursed for the vaccine administration fee.

Publicly or privately insured adults 19 years of age and older have access to COVID-19 vaccines at no cost. Under the [CARES Act](#) (English only), plans and issuers must cover, without cost sharing, any COVID-19 vaccine authorized or approved by the FDA immediately upon the vaccine becoming authorized or approved.

Under- and uninsured adults can access COVID-19 vaccine via the [Bridge Access Program](#) (English only), which includes partnership with select pharmacies across Washington and additional Adult Vaccine Providers. CDC's Bridge Access Program provides no-cost COVID-19 vaccines to adults without health insurance and adults whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs. No-cost COVID-19 vaccines through this program will be available until December 31, 2024. Please visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) (English only) for locations participating in the Bridge Access Program.



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[Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html# covid-vaccines) - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html# covid-vaccines>

[Childhood Vaccine Program](https://doh.wa.gov/public-health-healthcare-providers/public-health-system-resources-and-services/immunization/childhood-vaccine-program) - <https://doh.wa.gov/public-health-healthcare-providers/public-health-system-resources-and-services/immunization/childhood-vaccine-program>

[CARES Act](https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/EBSA/about-ebsa/our-activities/resource-center/faqs/aca-part-50.pdf) - <https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/EBSA/about-ebsa/our-activities/resource-center/faqs/aca-part-50.pdf>

[Bridge Access Program](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/bridge/index.html) - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/bridge/index.html>

[Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov/) - <https://www.vaccines.gov/>