



Getting Vaccinated for COVID-19

Getting vaccinated for COVID-19 is now easier than ever.

Updated bivalent COVID-19 vaccines are safe and available for everyone 6 months and up.

For most people ages 6-64 years, one bivalent dose is all you need to be up to date.

- If you have previously received a monovalent primary series or monovalent booster, you just need one bivalent dose at least 2 months after your last monovalent dose to be up to date with COVID-19 vaccination.
- If you have not previously started or completed a monovalent primary series, you just need one bivalent dose to be up to date with COVID-19 vaccination.

People 65 years and older are eligible for an additional dose of bivalent vaccine at least 4 months after their last bivalent dose.

People 6 months and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised are also eligible for additional doses at least 2 months after their last bivalent dose.

Which COVID-19 vaccines are currently available?

Pfizer-BioNTech

Bivalent, 6 months and older

Moderna

Bivalent, 6 months and older

Novavax

Monovalent, 12 years and older*

**If you are unable or choose not to get a recommended bivalent mRNA vaccine, you may choose to receive Novavax. You will be up to date if you get the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine doses approved for your age group.*

Which COVID-19 vaccines are monovalent, and which are bivalent?

The original COVID-19 vaccines for most primary series and original boosters** were monovalent. These vaccines were created from the original strain of the virus that causes COVID-19 illness.

The updated Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are bivalent. They were created with the original strain of COVID-19, and newer omicron variant strains, BA.4 and BA.5.

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.

Is there a cost for COVID-19 vaccines?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the US federal government purchased all of the COVID-19 vaccines and made them free to every person who wanted them. Now that the COVID-19 public health emergency has ended, COVID-19 vaccines are expected to follow a similar path as other vaccines, which means they will be purchased by clinics and hospitals directly for adults. COVID-19 vaccines will still be available, but they may cost money for some adults to receive.

Like other vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines will likely be covered by most insurance plans. COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be available at no cost to all children in Washington state until their 19th birthday through the [Vaccines for Children](#) program. There are also programs for adults that can help cover costs of getting vaccinated if they don't have health insurance or their plan doesn't cover the vaccine. Visit [HHS.gov](https://www.hhs.gov) for more information on these programs.

COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be available at no cost for all, as long as the supply of federally purchased vaccines lasts.

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

Children 6 months through 5 years of age who received the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine are up to date if:

- They are 6 months through 4 years of age and got at least 3 COVID-19 vaccine doses, including at least one bivalent (updated) COVID-19 vaccine dose.
- They are 5 years of age and got at least 1 bivalent (updated) COVID-19 vaccine dose.

Children 6 months through 5 years of age who got the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are up to date if they got at least two Moderna COVID-19 vaccine doses, including at least one bivalent (updated) COVID-19 vaccine dose.

Children aged 6 years and older are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines if they got a bivalent (updated) COVID-19 vaccine.

Children aged 12 and older are also eligible to receive a 2 dose Novavax primary series if they have not previously received any mRNA vaccine doses and if they are unable or unwilling to get an mRNA bivalent dose.

Children 6 months and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised are allowed to receive one or more additional bivalent (updated) COVID-19 vaccine dose(s) at least 2 months after their last bivalent dose.

***The Novavax booster is monovalent and is available to adults who have completed a primary series but have not previously received a COVID-19 booster – and if they cannot or will not receive an updated bivalent mRNA dose. Novavax boosters do not target omicron variant strains.*



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Sources:

[Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#)

[HHS Bridge Access Program For COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments' to Maintain Access to COVID-19 Care for the Uninsured | HHS.gov](#)