

2023-2024 UPDATED COVID-19 VACCINE

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There is an updated COVID-19 vaccine commonly referred to as the fall 2023-2024 vaccine. This updated vaccine provides protection from Omicron variants. COVID-19 is still making people sick, leading to hospitalization and death—so, it's important that everyone who can get it does get it.

? If I have been vaccinated before September 12, 2023, do I need to be vaccinated again?

Most likely — Everyone ages 6 months and older should get an updated fall COVID-19 vaccine as long as it has been two months since their last COVID-19 vaccine. If you're unsure, ask your doctor or check the [CDC's website](#) for more information.

? What are the side effects of the updated COVID-19 vaccines?

Similar to the other COVID-19 vaccines, the most common side effects may include:

- ▷ Fatigue
- ▷ Headache
- ▷ Muscle pain
- ▷ Pain, redness, and swelling at the injection site

? Can I get a flu vaccine & COVID-19 vaccine at the same time?

Yes — You can and should get any other vaccines you are due for at the same visit.

? Why do we need an updated COVID-19 vaccine?

The COVID-19 virus has changed since the first COVID-19 vaccines. Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines is the best way to avoid hospitalization, death, and other long term health conditions caused by COVID-19 infection.

? Who should get an updated COVID-19 vaccine?

Everyone ages 6 months and older can get an updated vaccine. The number of vaccine doses a person needs differs depending on their age and how many doses they have already had.



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? Where can I get an updated COVID-19 vaccine?

A great place to check is with your doctor's office! You can also check with your local pharmacy or visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to see where vaccines are being offered near you.

? Can I pick which updated vaccine I get?

Most people can choose between Moderna, Pfizer, and Novavax (Novavax is only available to those 12 years and older). This said, you should get whichever vaccine is available to you!

? How much do COVID-19 vaccines cost?

Unfortunately, updated COVID-19 vaccines are not free to everyone anymore. Here's an idea of how much a COVID-19 vaccine may cost for you or your family:



Vaccines for Children

If your child is enrolled in or qualifies for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, they will be able to get their vaccines for **free**.



Vaccines for Adults

If you are uninsured or underinsured, you may qualify for a **free** vaccine through the Bridge Access Program (people who are undocumented may also qualify for the Bridge Access Program).



Coverage for COVID-19 Vaccines is Similar to Other Vaccines

For those with private or state/federal insurance, your plans will likely cover the cost of COVID-19 vaccines. You may have to pay a **small cost**, similar to what you have to pay for other vaccines. You can always check with your insurance provider before getting vaccinated.