



COVID-19 Vaccines for Adults (age 65+)

Protect yourself against COVID-19. Get vaccinated!

Recommendations for older adults who have no problems with their immune system (immunocompetent)

Adults 65 and older who have no immune problems should receive:

- **2 doses of the 2024-2025 COVID 19 Vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Novavax). You should get the vaccines 6 months apart.**
- **If you have never had a COVID-19 vaccine before, and you choose Novavax, you should wait 3 weeks between the 1st and 2nd doses. You will also need to get a 3rd dose of any of the three COVID-19 vaccine 6 months after the 2nd dose.**
- **None of the updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines is preferred over another.**

Recommendations for older adults who have problems with their immune system (immunocompromised)

People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may get additional doses of the updated COVID-19 vaccine.

A person is immunocompromised when their immune system is weak. These people may have more trouble fighting COVID-19 and are at higher risk of getting seriously sick or dying from COVID-19. You may have a weak immune system if you have cancer, diabetes, or heart conditions, for example. These are just a few of the diseases that can make your immune system weak.

Please check with your healthcare professional to see if you have a medical problem that makes your immune system weak. Your healthcare professional will let you know how many doses of the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine you should receive.

DID YOU KNOW?

The vaccine is currently available at no cost to you:

- If you have Medicare, you will not have to pay to get vaccinated.
- Medicaid and private health insurance plans cover all vaccine costs.
- If you are uninsured you can get free vaccines.

Vaccines are available at many locations:

- Most drug stores
- Community health centers
- State or local health departments

Find a COVID-19 vaccine location near you:

- Ask your doctor or healthcare professional
- Call 1-800-232-0233
- Text your zip code to 438829 or visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)

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