

# 2023–2024 COVID-19 vaccine recommendations

## **What are the new COVID-19 vaccine recommendations for 2023–2024? Who is eligible to receive the updated vaccine?**

The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) have recommended that everyone ages five and older receive one dose of an updated mRNA vaccine. The updated dose should be given at least two months after any previous COVID-19 vaccine dose.

Individuals six months or older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may require additional doses.

## **Is the two-dose primary series still required for individuals with no prior COVID-19 vaccination?**

For anyone 12 years and older who is unvaccinated, one dose of the updated 2023–2024 COVID-19 vaccine is recommended.

## **What is the recommendation for people who received the primary COVID-19 vaccine series and/or boosters?**

People who previously received any number of COVID-19 vaccine doses should receive one dose of the 2023–2024 COVID-19 vaccine at least eight weeks after the last dose, unless they have already received the 2023–2024 COVID-19 vaccine.

## **Which COVID-19 vaccines have been approved and/or authorized for use in the US?**

The two mRNA vaccines approved in the US are the updated 2023–2024 Pfizer (Comirnaty) and Moderna (Spikevax) COVID-19 vaccines.

## **Can I get a bivalent vaccine?**

No. The FDA revoked the EUA authorization for the bivalent COVID-19 vaccines and they are no longer authorized for use.

## **Can I “mix and match” vaccine products?**

Yes, previously vaccinated individuals can receive either an updated Pfizer (Comirnaty) or Moderna (Spikevax) COVID-19 vaccine. In these cases, “mix and match” is allowed.

## Can I get the COVID-19 vaccine if I'm currently sick with COVID-19?

COVID-19 vaccination should be deferred for anyone with a current SARS-CoV-2 infection until they recover from their acute illness and the criteria to discontinue isolation has been met. Asymptomatic individuals should receive a COVID-19 vaccine following their recommended isolation period. Individuals who recently had a SARS-CoV-2 infection may consider delaying the COVID-19 vaccine by three months from symptom onset or a positive test.

## Are there any different side effects or safety concerns with the updated 2023–2024 mRNA vaccines?

No, the side effects and safety profiles are the same as those of previous formulations. The side effects have been similar to routine vaccines: sore arm, fatigue, fever, chills, headache, myalgia, and arthralgia. These side effects are temporary and mostly mild or moderate. Anaphylaxis has been observed after receiving COVID-19 mRNA vaccines, but this has been rare.

## How is vaccine safety monitored?

Safety data is collected through the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD), Clinical Immunization Safety Assessment (CISA), and pharmacovigilance.<sup>1</sup>

## Can the COVID-19 vaccine be given at the same time with other immunizations?

Yes, this is recommended by the CDC and ACIP for people needing other immunizations.



**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO YOUR CARE TEAM.**

Your safety is our top priority and we're here to support you at every step.

1. [cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/index.html)