



FDA approved and authorized the 2024–2025 mRNA COVID-19 vaccines on August 22, 2024. FDA authorized Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted (2024 – 2025 Formula) under Emergency Use Authorization on August 30, 2024.

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Staying Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines

WHAT TO KNOW

- Everyone ages 6 months and older should get a 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine.
- The COVID-19 vaccine helps protect you from severe disease, hospitalization, and death.
- It is especially important to get your 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine if you are ages 65 and older, are at high risk for severe COVID-19, or have never received a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Vaccine protection decreases over time, so it is important to stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccine.



Who needs a COVID-19 vaccine

Reminder

Everyone ages 6 months and older should get the 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine. This includes people who have received a COVID-19 vaccine before and people who have had COVID-19.

Importance of staying up to date

- Getting the 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine is important because:
 - Protection from the COVID-19 vaccine decreases with time.
 - COVID-19 vaccines are updated to give you the best protection from the currently circulating strains.
- Getting the 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine is especially important if you:
 - Never received a COVID-19 vaccine
 - Are ages 65 years and older
 - Are at [high risk for severe COVID-19](#)
 - Are living in a long-term care facility
 - Are [pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant, or might become pregnant in the future](#).
 - Want to lower your risk of getting Long COVID

Keep in mind

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a safer, more reliable way to build protection than getting sick with COVID-19.

Learn more about the [benefits of getting a COVID-19 vaccine](#)

When are you up to date?

Children ages 6 months–4 years

- Your child is up to date when they have received all recommended doses, including at least 1 dose of the 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine.

If your child previously had:	Your child should get:
0 doses (was never vaccinated)	2 doses of the 2024–2025 Moderna vaccine OR 3 doses of the 2024–2025 Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine
1 or more doses of Moderna vaccine	1 dose of the 2024–2025 Moderna vaccine
1 dose of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine	2 doses of the 2024–2025 Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine
2 or more doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine	1 dose of the 2024–2025 Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine

Children ages 5–11 years

- You are up to date when you have received:
 - 1 dose of the 2024–2025 Moderna **OR**
 - 1 dose of the 2024–2025 Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

People ages 12 years and older

- You are up to date when you have received:
 - 1 dose of the 2024–2025 Moderna COVID-19 vaccine **OR**
 - 1 dose of the 2024–2025 Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine **OR**
 - 1 dose of the 2024–2025 Novavax vaccine unless you are receiving a COVID-19 vaccine for the very first time. If you have never received any COVID-19 vaccine and you choose to get Novavax, you need 2 doses of 2024–2025 Novavax COVID-19 vaccine to be up to date.

People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised

There are different recommendations if you are moderately or severely immunocompromised; see [Vaccines for Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised People](#).

People who recently had COVID-19

- People who recently had COVID-19 may delay getting a COVID-19 vaccine for 3 months.
- The risk of getting COVID-19 is less likely in the weeks to months following a SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- Certain factors could be **reasons to get a vaccine sooner rather than later**, such as:
 - Personal risk of severe COVID-19
 - Risk of COVID-19 in a family or household member or other close contact
 - [Local levels of COVID-19 illness](#)

People who recently received the 2023–2024 COVID-19 vaccine

For most people the minimum interval between their last 2023–2024 COVID-19 vaccine dose and their 2024–2025 vaccine dose is 2 months. However, there are exceptions for those who are completing an initial vaccination series, including children aged 6 months–4 years, those with moderate to severe immunocompromise, and people receiving a Novavax initial series. For more information about intervals for those specific circumstances, please see [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)

Recommended COVID-19 Vaccines

Three vaccines are available for use in the United States. There is no preference for one vaccine over the other when more than one vaccine is recommended for an age group.

Vaccine	Recommended for:
2024–2025 Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine	Everyone ages 6 months and older
2024–2025 Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine	Everyone ages 6 months and older
2024–2025 Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine	Everyone ages 12 years and older

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SOURCES

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