

Medicare Covers the COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccine

A COVID-19 vaccine helps reduce the risk of illness from COVID-19 by working with the body's natural defenses to safely develop immunity (protection) against the virus. Medicare covers the updated 2024-2025 Pfizer or Moderna vaccine for people 5 and older. You pay nothing for the COVID-19 vaccine if your doctor or other health care provider accepts assignment for giving you the shot. You can get an updated vaccine from the same COVID-19 manufacturer that you got your original shot from, or choose to get it from a different manufacturer.

Note: Some adults 18 and older who have completed their primary vaccine series have the option to get a Novavax vaccine instead of the updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) to learn more about the vaccines.

Vaccine schedule

You should get your updated vaccine based on your situation.

- If you already had at least 1 dose of the original COVID-19 vaccine but haven't gotten the updated vaccine, you can get the updated vaccine at least 2 months later.
- If you're 65 or older and got the updated vaccine at least 4 months ago, you can get a second dose of the updated vaccine.
- If you're immunocompromised (like people who have had an organ transplant and are at risk for infections and other diseases) and got 1 dose of the updated vaccine at least 2 months ago, you can get a second dose. Your health care provider can help you decide if and when you should get additional shots of the updated vaccine.
- If you fill out a form to get the vaccine, your provider may ask for your insurer's group number. If you have Part B, leave this field blank or write "N/A." If you have trouble with the form, talk with your provider.
- If you have Medicare and a disability or face other challenges getting to a location away from home for a vaccination, Medicare will pay a doctor or other care provider to give you the COVID-19 vaccine in your home.

Things to know

- Remember to bring your red, white, and blue Medicare card. If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan, you must use the card from your plan to get your Medicare-covered services.
- If you need to replace your Medicare card, log into (or create) your secure account on Medicare.gov to print an official copy.
- Your provider can't charge you for an office visit or other fee if the vaccine is the only medical service you get. If you get other medical services at the same time you get the COVID-19 vaccine, you may owe a copayment or deductible for those services.
- Visit [CDC.gov/covid](https://www.cdc.gov/covid) for information on vaccines and steps you can take to keep yourself and others safe from COVID-19.

Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine

- Visit [Medicare.gov/medicare-coronavirus](https://www.Medicare.gov/medicare-coronavirus) for the latest information on Medicare's coverage of the COVID-19 vaccine and related services.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.
- Contact your doctor or other health care provider to find out when you should get your vaccine, and to find a COVID-19 vaccine near you.

Note: This respiratory virus season, it's important to get your RSV, flu, and COVID-19 shots. It's safe to get your COVID-19 shot with other vaccines. You can get vaccines at your doctor's office and your local pharmacy - contact them for details.



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