

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

about updated COVID-19 vaccines

Updated COVID-19 vaccines are here. Even if you've had a vaccine or been infected with COVID-19 before, you need to get an updated vaccine this season. Here's everything you need to know.

Q: Are updated vaccines necessary?

A: **Yes**, even if you've had a COVID-19 vaccine before, **you need to get vaccinated this fall or winter.** The COVID-19 virus has changed a lot over the last few years, and immunity from both previous vaccines and infection wanes over time. The latest vaccine has been updated to **protect against the most current strains of the virus.**

Q: What vaccines are available?

A: The Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax vaccines have been approved by the FDA and are **available now.** All updated vaccines will reduce your chances of getting COVID-19 and help ensure you don't get seriously sick.

Q: Are new vaccines safe?

A: **Yes.** Updated vaccines are made using a similar process as previous vaccines and have been tested and evaluated to ensure their safety.

Vaccination is a much safer way to build immunity than risking an infection.

Q: When should I get vaccinated?

A: If you were **infected with COVID-19 this past summer**, you can wait at least three months before receiving an updated vaccine. If you're over 65, are pregnant, have certain medical conditions (like heart disease, cancer, or diabetes), or have never received a COVID-19 vaccine, **get the updated vaccine ASAP.** For everyone else, get vaccinated against COVID-19 and the flu soon to have protection for the holidays and winter, when COVID-19 cases are expected to surge again.

Q: Can I get my flu shot at the same time?

A: **Yes.** It's safe to get your annual flu shot at the same time as your updated COVID-19 vaccine, especially if that makes it easier for you to get both this season. If you'd rather get your vaccines separately, it's a good idea to get **both shots by Halloween.**

To find a pharmacy near you, go to **Vaccines.gov.** Have more questions? Head to **CDC.gov/COVID**