



What you need to know about Novavax's updated COVID-19 vaccine: Suggested talking points

- **Novavax's updated COVID-19 vaccine is now available and [recommended for everyone 12 and older](#).**
 - People 12 and older who have never been vaccinated against COVID-19 can receive 2 doses of Novavax's updated COVID-19 vaccine.
 - People who have received any previous COVID-19 vaccine are eligible for 1 dose of the updated vaccines from Novavax, Pfizer, or Moderna.
 - People who are immunocompromised may need additional doses.
 - If you currently have a COVID-19 infection, the CDC recommends [you wait](#) until your symptoms resolve to get your updated COVID-19 vaccine. If you recently had the virus, [you should consider waiting 3 months](#) to get vaccinated since [studies show](#) this may improve your immune response.
- **Novavax's updated COVID-19 vaccine [is different](#) from Pfizer's and Moderna's vaccines, but they are all safe and effective at protecting us against the virus.**
 - Novavax uses a coronavirus protein to prompt an immune response against COVID-19. Pfizer and Moderna use mRNA technology to teach cells how to prompt an immune response against COVID-19.
 - The Novavax COVID-19 vaccine uses the same technology as the flu shot, so those who are hesitant about mRNA technology may prefer it.
 - The CDC says staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccines is a [safer and more reliable way](#) to build protection against COVID-19 than getting sick from COVID-19.
- **Updated COVID-19 vaccines are available at pharmacies.**
 - Visit [Vaccines.gov](#) to find pharmacies near you offering updated COVID-19 vaccines from Novavax, Pfizer, and Moderna.
 - If you have private insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid, your updated vaccine is free upfront as long as you see an in-network provider.
 - Under- and uninsured people can get the updated COVID-19 vaccine for free through the CDC's [Bridge Access Program](#).



Novavax's updated COVID-19 vaccine is here: Frequently asked questions

1. Where is the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine available, and how much does it cost?

Pharmacies nationwide are [currently offering appointments](#) to get Novavax's updated COVID-19 vaccine. Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find pharmacies offering the vaccine near you.

Updated COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax are all free for insured adults and children as long as they get the shot from an in-network provider. Under- and uninsured adults can get any updated COVID-19 vaccine for free through the CDC's [Bridge Access Program](#). Under- and uninsured children can get their updated COVID-19 vaccine for free through the CDC's [Vaccines for Children](#) program. Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find locations that offer no-cost updated COVID-19 vaccines.

2. Can you get Novavax's updated vaccine now if you previously received a vaccine from another manufacturer (and vice versa)?

The CDC says people 12 and older who previously received COVID-19 vaccines from other manufacturers [are eligible for 1 dose](#) of Novavax's, Pfizer's, or Moderna's updated COVID-19 vaccine. People 12 and older who previously received a Novavax vaccine alone or in combination with any other brand can receive any of the three updated COVID-19 vaccines available.

3. Is the Novavax vaccine as safe and effective as mRNA vaccines?

Yes. Even though Novavax's updated COVID-19 vaccine uses a [different technology](#) from Pfizer's and Moderna's vaccines, all three vaccines are safe and effective at protecting us from the virus. Staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations reduces your risk of COVID-19-related hospitalization and death. The CDC says getting an updated COVID-19 vaccine provides a [safer and more reliable way](#) to build protection against COVID-19 than getting sick from COVID-19. The CDC recommends Novavax's updated COVID-19 vaccine for everyone 12 and older.