



What does it mean to be up to date with COVID-19 vaccines?

You are **up to date** with your COVID-19 vaccines once you have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series and have received the most recent booster dose, as recommended by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If you have completed your primary series—but are not yet eligible for a booster—you are also considered up to date.

Vaccine recommendations are based on age, the vaccine you first received, and the time since your last dose. There are also different recommendations for people who are immunocompromised.

How do I know if I am up to date with my COVID-19 vaccine?

Everyone is recommended to stay up to date, including all primary series doses and boosters for their age group, below is a breakdown by age:

- People ages 6 months through 4 years should get all COVID-19 primary series doses
 - Currently, there is no booster dose recommendation for this age group.
- People ages 5 years and older should get all primary series doses, and booster dose(s) as recommended by the CDC, if eligible.
 - People ages 5 years and older are recommended to receive one updated, age-appropriate Pfizer or Moderna (bivalent) booster.
 - This includes people who have received all primary series doses and people who have previously received one or more original (monovalent) boosters.
- People ages 6 months and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised (have a weakened immune system) are recommended to get an additional primary series dose to ensure the best protection against severe COVID-19 illness and death.

If you have questions about being up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines, talk with your healthcare provider.

Is the updated booster the same as primary vaccines?

Updated COVID-19 boosters, or bivalent boosters, target the most recent Omicron subvariants, BA.4 and BA.5, that are more contagious and more resistant than earlier strains and variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the virus that causes COVID-19. The updated boosters can both help restore protection that has decreased since previous vaccination, and provide broader protection against newer variants.

Why should I stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines?

As with vaccines for other diseases, you are best protected when you stay up to date with the recommended vaccines, including recommended boosters. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine after you recover from COVID-19 infection provides added protection against COVID-19.

Where can I get a booster shot of the COVID-19 vaccine to stay up to date?

You can receive the booster dose from a healthcare provider of your choice. Many pharmacies also offer COVID-19 vaccines. You do **not** need to receive your booster shot from the same location that you received your primary series. To find a vaccination location near you, visit www.vaccines.gov.

ICHD COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic, dates and appointment times, visit: http://hd.ingham.org/coronavirus/r_1013.aspx

For information about staying up to date and booster shots, visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](https://www.cdc.gov).