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Medicare Covers the COVID-19 Vaccine

Note: The Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 ended on May 11, 2023. This fact sheet describes the current COVID-19 vaccine coverage.

COVID-19 vaccine

Medicare covers the updated COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to you. The updated vaccine targets the original COVID-19 viral strain and 2 Omicron variants (BA.4/BA.5).

- The updated Pfizer vaccine is available for people 5 and older.
- The updated Moderna vaccine is available for people 6 and older.

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 depending on your situation below.

- If you already had at least 1 shot 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 shot of the updated vaccine.
- If you are immunocompromised (like people who have had an organ transplant and are at risk for infections and other diseases) and got 1 shot of the updated vaccine at least 2 months ago, you can get a second shot. 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, you may be asked 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.

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.

You have the right to get Medicare information in an accessible format, like large print, braille, or audio. You also have the right to file a complaint if you feel you've been discriminated against. Visit [Medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice](https://www.medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

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