

COVID-19 Vaccine Reference Guide for all who are Immunocompromised



People who are immunocompromised are especially vulnerable to infections including COVID-19.

If you have any of the following medical conditions, you are considered moderately to severely immunocompromised and may benefit from an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

This includes people who:

- Are receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Have moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Have advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Are receiving active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress the immune response

This list is not inclusive of all immunocompromising conditions, please speak with your medical provider to see if you may receive additional doses. If you are immunocompromised, check out the chart below to see how many doses you are eligible to receive to stay protected against COVID-19:

If you got...	People who got previous COVID-19 vaccines	People who have not had any previous COVID-19 vaccines	Note:
Moderna (6 months +)	<p>Have received one previous dose: 2nd dose of updated 2023-2024 vaccine 4 weeks after 1st dose 3rd dose of updated 2023-2024 vaccine 4 weeks after 2nd dose</p>	<p>1st Dose: Updated 2023-2024 vaccine</p> <p>2nd Dose: Updated 2023-2024 vaccine 4 weeks after 1st dose</p> <p>3rd Dose: Updated 2023-2024 vaccine 4 weeks after 2nd dose</p>	<p>People of any age who are immunocompromised should receive an additional updated dose at least 2 months after the previous dose.</p> <p>Those who are 65 years and older, who have already received 1 dose of any updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine should receive an additional updated dose at least 4 months after the previous dose.</p>
	<p>Have received two or more doses: 1 dose of updated 2023-2024 vaccine 4 weeks after last dose</p>		
	<p>Have received three or more doses: 1 dose of updated 2023-2024 vaccine 8 weeks after last dose</p>		
Pfizer (6 months +)	<p>Have received one previous dose: 2nd dose of updated 2023-2024 vaccine 3 weeks after 1st dose 3rd dose of updated 2023-2024 vaccine. 8 weeks after 2nd dose for children 6 months - 4 yrs and 4 weeks for people of all other ages</p>	<p>1st Dose: Updated 2023-2024 vaccine</p> <p>2nd Dose: Updated 2023-2024 vaccine 3-8 weeks after 1st dose</p> <p>3rd Dose: Updated 2023-2024 vaccine at least 8 weeks after 2nd dose for children 6 months to 4 years and at least 4 weeks for people of all other ages</p>	
	<p>Have received two or more doses: A dose of updated 2023-2024 vaccine. 8 weeks after 2nd dose for children 6 months - 4 yrs and 4 weeks for people of all other ages</p>		
	<p>Three or more doses: A dose of updated 2023-2024 vaccine. 8 weeks after last dose</p>		
Novavax (12 years old+)	<p>One or more previous doses: 1 dose of updated 2023-2024 vaccine at least 8 weeks after last dose</p>	<p>1st Dose: Updated Vaccine</p> <p>2nd Dose: Updated vaccine 3 weeks after 1st dose</p>	

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What underlying medical conditions place you at a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19?

People of any age with the conditions listed below are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines (initial and additional doses) and other preventive measures for COVID-19 are important, especially if you are older or have multiple or severe health conditions including those on this list. This list does not include all possible conditions that place you at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. If you have a condition not included here, talk to your health care provider about how best to manage your condition and protect yourself from COVID-19.

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic lung diseases
- Dementia or other neurological conditions
- Diabetes (type 1 or 2)
- Down syndrome
- Heart conditions
- HIV infection
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
- Mental health conditions
- Overweight and obesity
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- Smoking, current or former
- Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
- Stroke or cerebrovascular disease, which affects blood flow to the brain
- Substance use disorders
- Tuberculosis

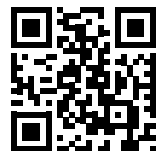
Will people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised need a doctor's note/prescription or other documentation to receive these doses?

No, individuals can self-identify and receive all doses anywhere vaccines are offered. This will help ensure there are not additional barriers to access for this population. If immunocompromised individuals have questions about their specific medical condition, they may discuss whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them with their health care provider.

Do I have to pay for the vaccine?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the US Federal government purchased all of the COVID-19 vaccines and made them free to every person who wanted them. Now that the COVID-19 public health emergency has ended, COVID-19 vaccines are expected to follow a similar path as other vaccines, which means they will be purchased by clinics and hospitals.

Like other vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines will likely be covered by most insurance plans. COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be available at no cost to all children in Washington state until their 19th birthday through the Vaccines for Children program. There are also programs for adults that can help cover costs of getting vaccinated if they don't have health insurance or their plan doesn't cover the vaccine. The Bridge Access Program temporarily provides updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines at no cost to adults aged 19 and older without health insurance, and adults whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 costs, through December 2024. To find a participating pharmacy location in this program, visit www.vaccines.gov.



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