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The 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines that protect against the more current strains of the virus are approved and recommended for use.

The 2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine

- Everyone 6 months and older should get at least one dose of the new 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) to stay protected against serious illness and hospitalization.
- Getting <u>vaccinated against COVID-19</u> is the safer way to build protection from serious illness—even for those who have already had COVID-19.
- People age 5 years and older can get one dose of the 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) if it has been at least two months since their last dose of any COVID-19 vaccine.
- People who have moderately or severely weakened immune systems may need additional doses.
- Children 6 months through 4 years old may need additional doses depending on timing and previous COVID-19 vaccinations.

Find COVID-19 Vaccines

- The 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines will be available at primary care practices, pharmacies, local health offices and other locations across Vermont. Please check with the location where you get your other routine vaccines when you make an appointment. Find vaccine locations at <u>Vaccines.gov (link in English).</u>
- COVID-19 vaccines are still provided at no cost to you, but now the way they are paid for is more like other vaccines. For most people, their health insurance will cover the cost of getting vaccinated.
- For people who do not have health insurance, or who have insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines (less common), the <u>Vermont</u> <u>Immunization Program (link in English)</u> or the CDC's temporary <u>Bridge</u> <u>Access Program (link in English)</u> can cover the cost.
- Anyone can get vaccinated in Vermont, including those who live in another state, are non-U.S. citizens, or who have no insurance.

Note: Medicaid does not cover the cost for Medicaid-insured children to get vaccinated at Vermont pharmacies.

Help Getting Vaccinated

- Anyone without health insurance can get vaccinated by appointment at local <u>health offices</u>. Local health offices can also help vaccinate those under age 65 with health insurance if they are not able to get vaccinated through other locations due to lack of transportation or other barriers.
- Need a ride? If you do not have transportation to get a COVID-19 vaccine, please contact your local public transportation provider or call <u>Vermont Public</u> <u>Transportation Association (VPTA)</u> at 833-387-7200.
- English language learners, or immigrant or refugee community members, who would like to learn more can contact the <u>Association of Africans Living in</u> <u>Vermont (AALV) at 802-985-3106.</u>