COVID-19 Vaccines

Why get the COVID-19 vaccine?
The vaccines have safely protected millions of people from getting very sick, hospitalized, or dying from COVID. The benefits you gain from the vaccine outweigh the risks of getting COVID.

COVID-19 vaccines recommended for most people.

People ages 6 months to 5 years getting Pfizer
- Children ages 6 months to 4 years getting the Pfizer vaccine need to get 3 doses of the Omicron vaccine, 3 weeks between dose 1 and 2; 8 weeks between dose 2 and 3.
- Children 5 years old getting the Pfizer vaccine need to get 1 dose of the Omicron vaccine.
- Children who have already received 3 doses of the original Pfizer vaccines can get an Omicron vaccine at least 2 months after their 3rd dose.

People ages 6 months to 5 years getting Moderna
- Children ages 6 months to 5 years getting the Moderna vaccine need to get 2 doses of the Omicron vaccine, 4 weeks apart.

People ages 6 years and older getting Pfizer or Moderna
- People ages 6 and older who have never received COVID vaccine can now get the Omicron vaccine.
- People in this age group are up to date on COVID vaccinations if they have received at least 1 Omicron vaccine.

*The Omicron vaccine can also be called the bivalent or updated vaccine.

Some people can get a second Omicron vaccine.

People who are 65 years or older can get a second Omicron vaccine if it has been at least 4 months since their first Omicron vaccine.

People who have a weak immune system can get a second Omicron booster if it has been 2 months since their first Omicron vaccine.
COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule for Most People

People ages 6 months to 5 years getting Moderna
- 2 doses of the Omicron vaccine
  - 4 weeks

People ages 6 months to 4 years getting Pfizer
- 3 doses of the Omicron vaccine
  - 3 weeks
  - 8 weeks

People ages 5 years old getting Pfizer
- 1 dose of the Omicron vaccine

People ages 6 years and older getting Pfizer or Moderna
- People in this age group are up to date on COVID vaccinations if they have received at least 1 Omicron vaccine.
- People ages 6 and older who have never received COVID vaccine can now get the Omicron vaccine.

People can get a second Omicron vaccine if
- They are 65 or older and it has been 4 months since their first Omicron vaccine
  - 4 months

- They have a weak immune system and it has been 2 months since their first Omicron vaccine
  - 2 months