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## COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

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### IMPORTANT/NEW COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Schedule
- Novavax Monovalent Covid-19 Boosters For People Ages 18 Years & Older
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### COVID-19 VACCINE ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

IDPH is transitioning to a monthly COVID-19 vaccine allocation for monovalent COVID-19 vaccine. As a reminder, monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are no longer authorized as booster doses for individuals 5 years of age and older.

The following information outlines the vaccine allocation schedule for the remainder of 2022. As much as possible, bivalent vaccine allocations/surveys will be incorporated into the monthly vaccine ordering schedule. **If necessary, separate bivalent vaccine allocation will occur as allocations are received from the federal government.**

- October 24, 2022- Bivalent only survey
- November 7, 2022
- December 5, 2022
- January 3, 2023

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### NOVAVAX MONOVALENT COVID-19 BOOSTERS FOR PEOPLE AGES 18 YEARS & Older

On October 19, 2022, CDC's Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky [released a statement](#) and signed a decision memo allowing Novavax monovalent COVID-19 boosters for people ages 18 years and older targeting the original COVID-19 strain, following FDA's granting of [emergency use authorization](#).

**Novavax monovalent COVID-19 boosters are available for adults if they have completed primary series vaccination but have not previously received a COVID-19 booster—and if they cannot or will not receive an updated mRNA booster.**

- For these individuals, a booster dose (0.5 mL) of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted may be administered at least 6 months after completion of primary vaccination with an authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.

CDC recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older be [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccination. For those 5 years and older, you are up to date if you have completed a primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC. Vaccines are highly effective at protecting people from serious illness and remain the best way to protect from severe COVID-19 hospitalization and death.

Clinical research has demonstrated the safety and effectiveness of updated COVID-19 vaccines. As occurs for all vaccines—including COVID-19 vaccines—safety monitoring will continue for them.

### Resources

- [Letter of Authorization](#)
  - [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine](#)
  - [Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)
  - [Interim Clinical Considerations](#)
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### MONOVALENT BOOSTERS NO LONGER AUTHORIZED

Monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are no longer authorized as booster doses for individuals 5 years of age and older.

Individuals are [up to date](#) with COVID 19 vaccines if they have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended by CDC. Anyone over the age of 5 are currently recommended to receive a bivalent booster.

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### COVID-19 VACCINE RESOURCES

Below is a list of resources and upcoming informational activities related to the most current recommendations.

- [Interim Clinical Considerations](#)
- [Vaccines.gov](#)
- CDC [COVID-19 booster tool](#)
- Web resources for the public:
  - [Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)
  - [COVID-19 Vaccines for People who are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised | CDC](#)
  - [Overview of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
  - [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#)

- [COVID-19 Vaccination for Children and Teens with Disabilities | CDC](#)
    - [How Do I Find a COVID-19 Vaccine or Booster?](#)
  - Web resources for immunization partners:
    - [Vaccinate with Confidence](#)
    - [Guidance for Vaccinating Older Adults and People with Disabilities: Ensuring Equitable COVID-19 Vaccine Access](#)
    - [Vaccinating Older Adults and People with Disabilities at Vaccination Clinics](#)
  - [Mini on-demand webinars](#) for healthcare providers
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### **COADMINISTRATION OF COVID-19 VACCINES WITH INFLUENZA AND OTHER VACCINES**

- Providers should offer influenza and COVID-19 vaccines at the same visit, if eligible.
    - This includes adjuvanted or high-dose influenza vaccines; administered in separate limbs.
  - With both influenza and SARS-CoV-2 circulating, getting both vaccines is important for prevention of severe disease, hospitalization, and death.
  - Getting both vaccines at the same visit increases the chance a person will be up to date with their vaccinations.
  - CDC and ACIP [guidance](#) recommends routine administration of all age-appropriate doses of vaccines simultaneously as best practice for people for whom no specific contraindications exist at the time of the healthcare visit.
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### **V-SAFE AFTER VACCINATION HEALTH CHECKER**

V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after an individual receives a COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe web pages feature information on how to register and complete a v-safe health check-in (including step-by-instructions with images), troubleshooting, FAQs, and contact information for technical support.

- [V-safe information sheet and poster](#)
- [V-safe after vaccination health checker website](#)
- [V-Safe Print Resources](#)
- [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#)