

Updated (Bivalent) COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What does "bivalent" mean?

Bivalent refers to the COVID-19 vaccine now having TWO components: one piece of the original COVID-19 virus and one piece of the omicron variant. This means that the updated COVID-19 vaccine provides broader protection against two strains of the virus.

How many doses do I need of the updated COVID-19 vaccine?

It is now just one dose. However, your eligibility for multiple doses is dependent on your age and health status. Consult your healthcare provider about your eligibility.

UPDATED GUIDANCE ON VACCINATION

Children aged 6 months - 5 years old

May need multiple doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to be up to date, depending on their age and the number of doses they've previously received. Speak with your child's healthcare provider for specific guidance.

Everyone aged 6 - 64 years old

To be up to date, you must receive at least one dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine.

People who are aged 65 years and older OR immunocompromised

- If you are 65 years of age or older, you can get the one dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine AND a second dose of the updated vaccine 4 or more months after.
- If you are immunocompromised, you can get the one dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine AND a second dose of the updated vaccine 2 or more months after.

To find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you:

Search [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text your ZIP code to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233.



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