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Kids 5 years old and older should get their fall COVID-19 booster shot

These new boosters can better defend kids and adults from getting very sick from COVID-19. Kids who are 5 years old or older can get Pfizer's new "bivalent" booster, and kids who are 6 years old or older can get Moderna's. They should get their new booster shot at least 2 months after they get their second primary series shot or their most recent (monovalent) booster shot. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are free to all people in the U.S.

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October 15, 2022

COVID-19 caused a large increase in pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S.

The death rate of mothers after childbirth in the U.S. is higher than many other developed countries. A new study found that these deaths increased during the pandemic. Nearly 25% of new or expectant mothers' deaths in 2020 and 2021 were due in part to catching COVID-19. Black women had a higher maternal death rate than White and Hispanic or Latina women. This study did not consider if these women were vaccinated against COVID-19 or not.

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Some adults can now choose to get a Novavax COVID-19 booster shot

Adults who are 18 years old and older can choose to get Novavax's booster shot. To do so, they must check three boxes. First, they must have finished their primary series at least six months ago. Second, they cannot have received any other booster dose(s). And third, they must not be able or willing to receive an mRNA vaccine. Novavax's booster shot was not made to defend against Omicron, but some people might prefer its older vaccine technology to that of the newer mRNA vaccines.

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October 20, 2022

CDC aims to add COVID-19 shots to routine vaccine schedules in 2023

The CDC's routine vaccine schedule is the "gold standard" for deciding what vaccines people should get and when. COVID-19 vaccines are free to everyone right now, but this can change in the future. Adding COVID-19 vaccines to this schedule makes it simpler for them to be covered by insurance or accessed for free through certain programs if the need arises. This choice does not mean that COVID-19 vaccines will be mandated for any age group. The new schedule will be published in early 2023.

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October 25, 2022

White House launches new efforts to improve booster uptake this fall

The White House aims to make COVID-19 vaccines and treatments easier to get. In the coming weeks, Walgreens will team up with DoorDash and Uber to provide free delivery of Paxlovid, an oral COVID-19 treatment. Other groups will launch pop-up vaccine events, toolkits, phone-calling campaigns, and guidebooks to help ensure that all people who want a COVID-19 vaccine or booster shot know where and how to get one.

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