**NEW FLYER: IS IT TIME FOR AN UPDATED COVID BOOSTER?**

COVID-19 is changing, and so is the way we protect against it.

This [**new flyer**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-promotion-toolkit#information-to-share-about-covid-19-vaccines-and-boosters-)overviews spring and summer 2023 guidance for COVID-19 vaccination, based on the CDC's recently updated vaccine recommendations. More languages available soon!

Other materials, like flyers and social [media graphics, are also **available in ou**](http://mass.gov/vaxpromotiontoolkit)**r** [**online toolkit**.](http://mass.gov/vaxpromotiontoolkit)

**END OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

The Federal and Massachusetts COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declarations ended on May 11, 2023.

This [**new informational sheet**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-promotion-toolkit#additional-resources-(by-topic)-)overviews what will change—and what will stay the

**May 12, 2023**

Here are the latest resources for promoting COVID-19 vaccination to share with your colleagues

and networks across Massachusetts. If you received this from a colleague, [**subscribe today**](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/9wFTcRU/VEIWeeklyRoundup?source_id=2d03fbe2-e956-4788-94dc-ce6c06b765b7&source_type=em&c)**.**

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**What's New**

same.

**Reminders**

# CDC UPDATES COVID-19 VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS

In April, the CDC updated its COVID-19 vaccine recommendations.

Updated recommendations include the following:

Individuals ages 6 years and older are recommended to get one updated (bivalent) booster dose, regardless of whether they have completed a primary series.

**Key takeaway:** If someone 6 years or older has never gotten a COVID- 19 vaccine, they now only need to get one updated (bivalent) dose.

Adults ages 65 years and older and individuals who are immunocompromised can also get an additional bivalent dose.

[**Read more on the CDC website**](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2023/s0419-covid-vaccines.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_2175-DM104075&ACSTrackingLabel=Updated%20COVID-19%20Vaccine%20Recs%2C%20Success%20Stories%2C%20Events%20and%20Hepatitis%20Awareness%20Month%20%20%E2%80%93%204%2F25%2F23&deliveryName=USCDC_2175-DM104075). Anyone with questions can also call 2-1-1 (or 877-211- 6277) and press 1.

View the [**"Is it time?" flyer**](https://www.mass.gov/doc/english-pdf-1/download)to see if you are up-to-date on your COVID-19 vaccination.

# FREE IN-HOME COVID-19 VACCINATION AVAILABLE

Massachusetts offers in-home COVID-19 vaccinations for anyone who has difficulty getting to or using a community clinic,

including young children. [**Learn more**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-in-home-vaccination-program), or call

833-983-0485 to sign up for an in-home appointment.

[Help spread the word with this **informationa**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-in-home-vaccination-program#download-in-home-vaccination-flyer-)**l** [**flyer** (in 12 languages)!](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-in-home-vaccination-program#download-in-home-vaccination-flyer-)

# MASSHEALTH REDETERMINATION: HELP MEMBERS KEEP THEIR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

In 2023, all current MassHealth members will need to renew their health coverage to ensure they still qualify for their current benefit.

These renewals will take place over 12 months, starting in April. MassHealth is working to help members maintain coverage and raise awareness about the renewal process.

Here's how you can help:

**OUTREACH AND EDUCATION MATERIALS**

[**COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions)

[**COVID-19 Therapeutic Information**](https://www.mass.gov/get-treated-for-covid-19)(including [**telehealth**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/free-telehealth-for-covid-19-treatment-with-paxlovid)) [**Weekly Provider Bulletin**](https://www.mass.gov/lists/covid-19-vaccine-provider-bulletins)

[**Trust the Facts, Get the Vax Campaign Materials**](https://www.mass.gov/resource/trust-the-facts-get-the-vax-campaign-materials)(organized by audience, including general, parents, youth, and young adults; available in 12 languages)

[**Multilingual COVID-19 Materials**](https://www.mass.gov/resource/multilingual-covid-19-materials)(videos and printables; organized by language) [**Archive of COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Updates**](https://www.mass.gov/lists/archive-of-covid-19-vaccine-communications-updates)(past editions of VEI Roundup)

**FIND A COVID-19 VACCINE DOSE**

[**Find a COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment**](http://vaccines.gov/)

[**Find, Schedule, or Sign Up for a Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination**](https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-mobile-vaccinations)[**COVID-19 In-Home Vaccination Program**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-in-home-vaccination-program)

**Key Resources**

**Remind members to update their addresses, report household changes, and read all mail from MassHealth** Share informational and outreach materials from this [**toolkit**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/redeterminations-outreach-toolkit-phase-2)

Sign up for [**email notifications**](https://www.mass.gov/forms/masshealth-eligibility-redeterminations-email-list-sign-up)from MassHealth

*Info about MassHealth redetermination (*[***intro***](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7BXRoQouN4)*and* [***key points***](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMMQHkAQhAA)*) is also available in ASL, courtesy of the Learning Center for the Deaf.*

## [Request a Copy of Your Vaccine Card](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/requesting-a-copy-of-your-covid-19-vaccination-record)

**Highlights**

**Lowell**

In late March, [**Coalition for a Better Acre**](https://www.coalitionforabetteracre.org/)hosted its first Community Health Outreach Program (CHOP) Dinner of the year. The goal of CHOP Dinners is to share health and COVID-related information and resources and to support Lowell residents in building connections with each other. At the March CHOP Dinner, Coalition for a Better Acre held a vaccine clinic and offered $75 gift cards for those who got vaccinated. They also provided attendees with assistance and resources regarding COVID, as well as housing and other social services.

## [Read More Highlights](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-equity-initiative-highlights)

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[**Visit the VEI Website**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-equity-initiative)

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