**COVID Vaccine: Fast Facts**

**The updated COVID vaccine is here. What to know:**

The updated COVID vaccine provides protection against new variants.

You need an updated vaccine if you haven’t had one since September 12, 2023.

Everyone aged 5 years and older should get 1 dose of an updated COVID vaccine—even if you’ve never been vaccinated before.

Children aged 6 months to 4 years need between 1-3 doses. Ask your health care provider what’s right for your child.

You may still get COVID after getting an updated vaccine, but your risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death are greatly reduced.

Check with your health care provider or visit mass.gov/CovidVaccine