

# COVID Vaccine: Fast Facts

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

**The updated COVID vaccine provides protection against new variants.**

**The COVID vaccine is updated for the 2024-25 winter season.**

**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](https://mass.gov/CovidVaccine)**

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