## COVID-19

# COVID-19 Vaccines for Workers at Increased Risk of Exposure

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# Find a COVID–19 Vaccine

Vaccines are widely accessible in the United States and are available for everyone ages 5 years and older at no cost.

If you are searching for a vaccine, you can:

- Visit Vaccines.gov ⬏ to find out where vaccines are available in your community.
- Contact your state or local health department for more information.
- Ask your employer if they are making vaccines available to employees and if they are offering time off to get your vaccine.
- If you are a contractor or work off site, discuss additional vaccination options with your employer.

Learn more about how to find a COVID-19 vaccine so you can get it as soon as you can.

### Will I be required to get vaccinated for work?

An employer may require that their workers be vaccinated. **Check with your employer** to see if they have any rules that apply to you.

**Have more questions?** Visit COVID-19 Vaccine Myths and Facts and FAQs about Vaccination.

# What You Should Know about Your COVID–19 Vaccination

You can help protect yourself and the people around you by getting vaccinated.

- Studies show COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.
- COVID-19 vaccines help prevent severe illness.
- Depending on the kind of COVID-19 vaccine you get, you might need a second shot 3 or 4 weeks after your first shot.

# What to Expect during and after Your Vaccination

# Your vaccination card and scheduling your next vaccination

- You should get a CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record card if it's your first vaccination appointment. After your first vaccination, you'll want to bring your card to all other COVID-19 vaccine appointments so it can be updated with information about the other doses you get.

- If you need another dose, you can schedule your next appointment with your vaccination provider. Otherwise, you can search for another vaccination provider using any of the ways mentioned above.

## Possible side effects

After vaccination, some people have side effects. Common side effects include:

- Pain, redness, or swelling where you get your shot
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Fever
- Nausea

These are normal signs that your body is building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19.

Use **v-safe** to tell CDC about any side effects. **V-safe** will provide you with personalized health check-ins after your vaccination and can remind you when to get any other doses you may need.

If you are an employer, consider time off for employees to get vaccinated.

## Booster Shots



Everyone ages 18 years and older is eligible for a booster shot.

Learn more about who is eligible for a COVID-19 booster shot.

## Related Pages

**For Workers**

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› Healthcare Workers: Information on COVID-19

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