



CDC's Bridge Access Program

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What You Need to Know

CDC's Bridge Access Program will provide free COVID-19 vaccines for a limited time after these products move onto the commercial market in Fall 2023. Free vaccines through this temporary program will not be available after December 2024.

Why Do We Need the Bridge Access Program?

Protecting people from COVID-19 is a top priority for CDC. CDC recommends that all adults stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. In the Fall of 2023, the U.S. Government COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Program will end. COVID-19 vaccines will still be free for most Americans through their health insurance plans. However, there are 25-30 million adults (ages 18-64) without insurance and additional adults whose insurance will not provide free COVID-19 vaccines after these products move onto the commercial market.

Where Will Free COVID-19 Vaccines Be Available Through the Bridge Access Program?

Local Healthcare Providers

- Local providers will work with state and local health departments to distribute vaccines through providers in networks
- CDC will purchase and distribute COVID-19 vaccines to providers, and will help and guide providers as they manage their vaccination programs

Local Health Centers

- Federally qualified health centers will partner with state and local immunization programs to provide free vaccines to uninsured and underinsured adults
- Health Resources & Services Administration will provide funding to Federally Qualified Health Centers to support services that will help ensure equitable access

Pharmacies

- A retail pharmacy component of the Bridge Access Program is intended to provide free COVID-19 vaccines to uninsured adults and adults whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs
- CDC intends to negotiate modifications to CDC's existing Increasing Community Access to Testing (ICATT) contracts with CVS, Walgreens, and eTrueNorth in order to provide pharmacy-based vaccination services to uninsured adults in low access areas and areas of low vaccination coverage

More COVID-19 Vaccine Data

Learn more about vaccination coverage and effectiveness data.

Additional COVID-19 Information

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