

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation**

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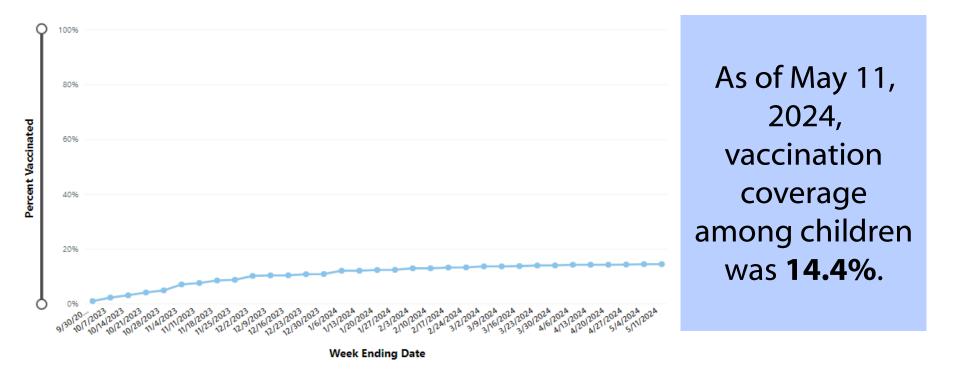
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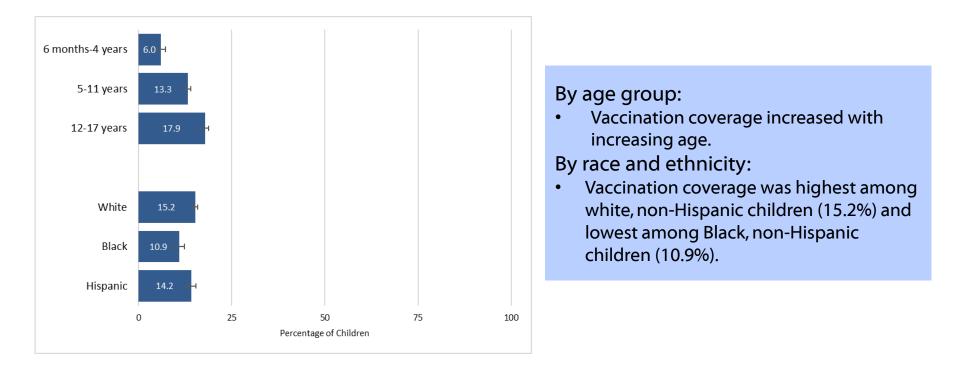
### 2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage

### Percentage of Children Ages 6 Months–17 Years Who Are Up to Date with the 2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine, NIS-CCM and NIS-FLU



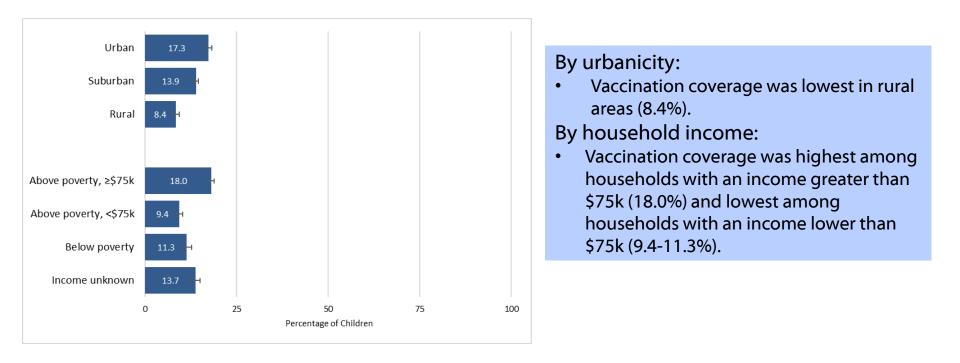
Data source, National Immunization Survey—COVID Child Module (NIS-CCM) and National Immunization Survey—Flu (NIS-Flu): <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/coverage/covidvaxview/interactive/children-coverage-vaccination.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/coverage/covidvaxview/interactive/children-coverage-vaccination.html</a>

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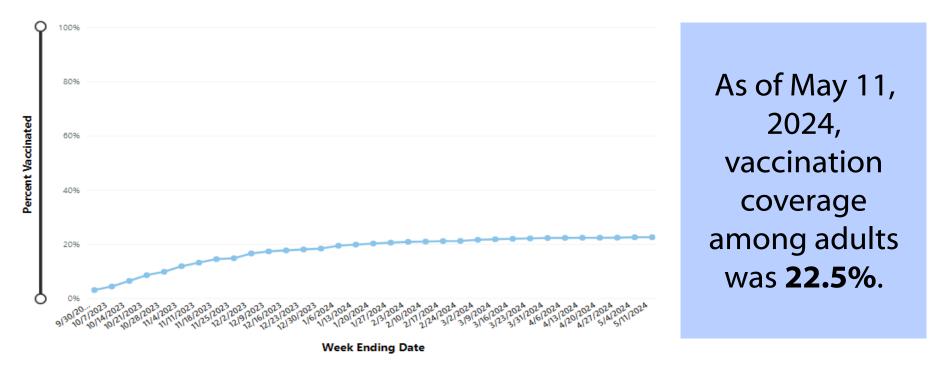
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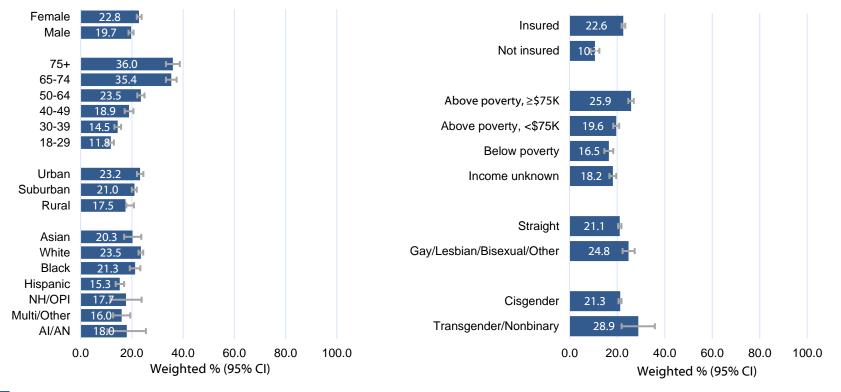
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## Percentage of Adults ≥18 Years Who Are Up to Date with the 2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine, NIS-ACM



Data source: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/coverage/covidvaxview/interactive/adult-coverage-vaccination.html

## COVID-19 Vaccination Status Among Adults Age ≥18 Years by Demographics, NIS-ACM, April 28-May 25, 2024 (n=47,953)



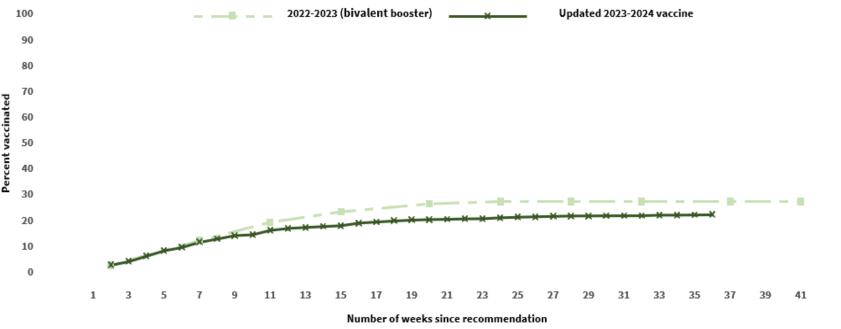
Vaccinated with 2023-24 COVID-19 vaccine

AI/AN: American Indian or Alaska Native; NH/OPI: Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Data source: National Immunization Survey – Adult COVID Module About the National Immunization Surveys CDC

## COVID-19 vaccination coverage among adults ≥18 years of age, NIS-ACM, 2022-23\* and 2023-24

Updated 2023-24 COVID-19 vaccination coverage as of May 25, 2024, is 5.1 percentage points below the 2022-23 bivalent vaccine peak coverage of 27.5%.



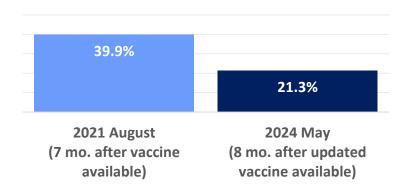
COVID-19 bivalent booster vaccine was recommended 9/1/2022. COVID-19 XBB Fall 2023 dose was recommended 9/14/2023.

\*2022-2023 bivalent booster vaccination coverage was capped at 27.5%, the peak coverage reported from the NIS-ACM in February 2023.

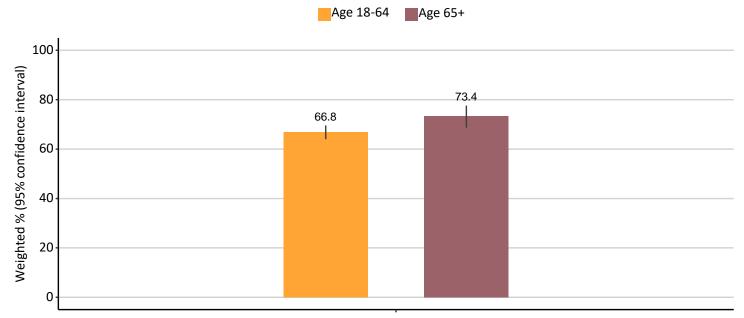
### Provider Recommendation for COVID-19 Vaccine

# Healthcare provider COVID-19 vaccine recommendations, NIS-ACM

Percent of adults whose healthcare provider recommends COVID-19 vaccine

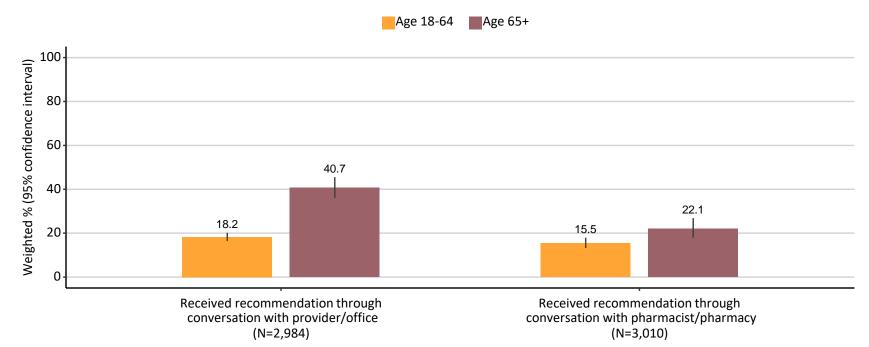


Relative to 2021, adults reported **fewer providers are recommending COVID-19 vaccines.**  Percent of Adults ≥18 Years of Age Who Reported Receiving Any Kind of COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendation Since September 14, 2023, by Age Group, Provider Recommendation Survey, April 12-25, 2024 (N=3,004)



Received any recommendation

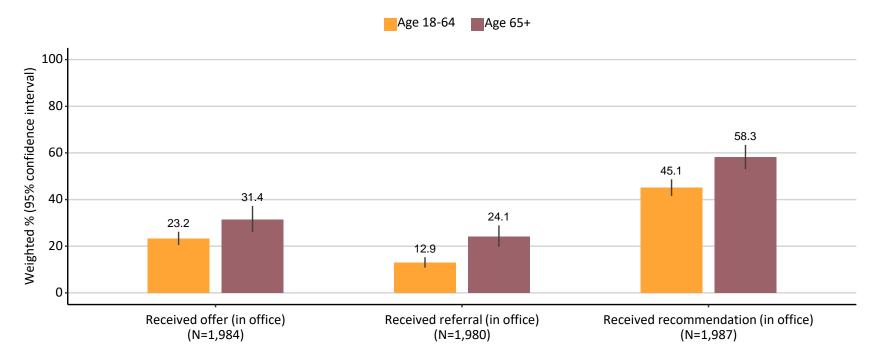
Percent of Adults ≥18 Years of Age Who Reported Receiving Active\* COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendation Since September 14, 2023,<sup>†</sup> by Age Group, Provider Recommendation Survey, April 12-25, 2024



\*"Active recommendation" was defined as a provider, nurse/MA, pharmacist, or pharmacy technician/assistant mentioning the COVID-19 vaccine in person or during a telehealth visit, or a personal phone call from a provider or pharmacist/pharmacy. "Passive recommendation" was defined as provider office reception staff mentioning the vaccine, seeing a sign at a provider office or pharmacy, or receiving written information in person, an email, text message, automated phone call or voice message, or portal/app message from a provider office or pharmacy. <sup>†</sup>The denominator for these estimates includes all respondents who answered the questions and was not limited to those who reported visiting a provider during the respiratory virus

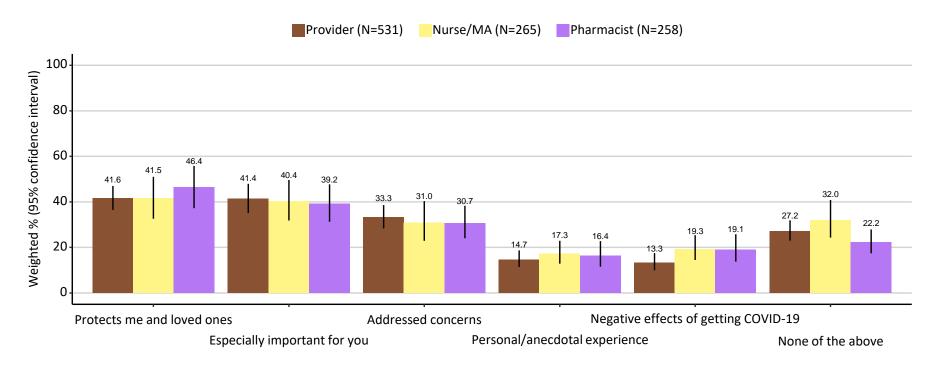
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Percent of Adults ≥18 Years of Age Who Reported Receiving COVID-19 Vaccine Offer, Referral, or Recommendation at In-Person Visit Since September 14, 2023,\* by Age Group, Provider Recommendation Survey, April 12-25, 2024



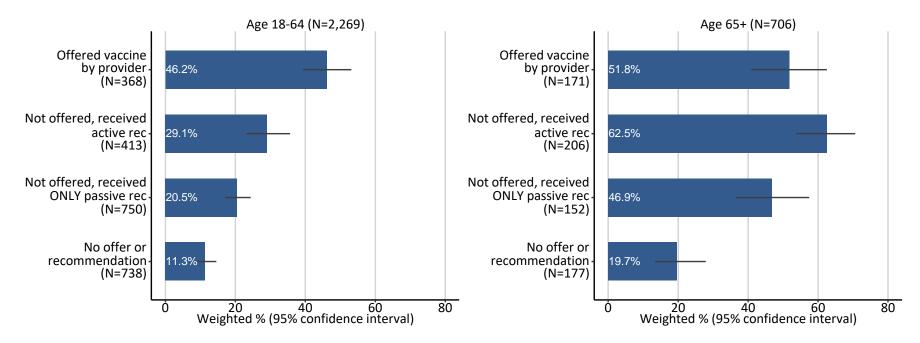
\*The denominator for these estimates was restricted to those who reported they had an in person visit to a provider since September 14, 2023.

Topics Mentioned When Discussing Updated COVID-19 Vaccine with Provider, Nurse/MA, or Pharmacist, Reported by Adults ≥18 Years of Age, Provider Recommendation Survey, April 12-25, 2024



Data source: "Provider Recommendation Survey". 3,041 U.S. adults ages 18 years and older surveyed April 12-25, 2024, via NORC's probability-based <u>AmeriSpeak Panel</u>. Data were weighted to represent the non-institutionalized U.S. population and mitigate possible non-response bias. All responses are self-reported.

Association of Provider Offer, Active<sup>\*</sup> vs Passive Recommendation for COVID-19 Vaccine Since September 14, 2023, with Vaccination Among Adults ≥18 Years of Age, by Age Group, Provider Recommendation Survey, April 12-25, 2024

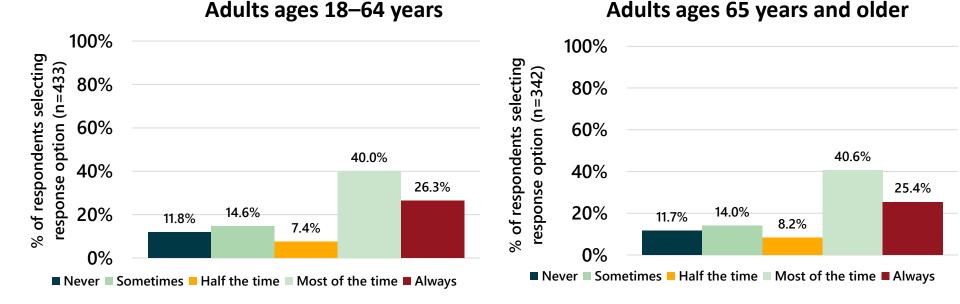


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## **Frequency of recommending COVID-19 vaccination to eligible adult patients**

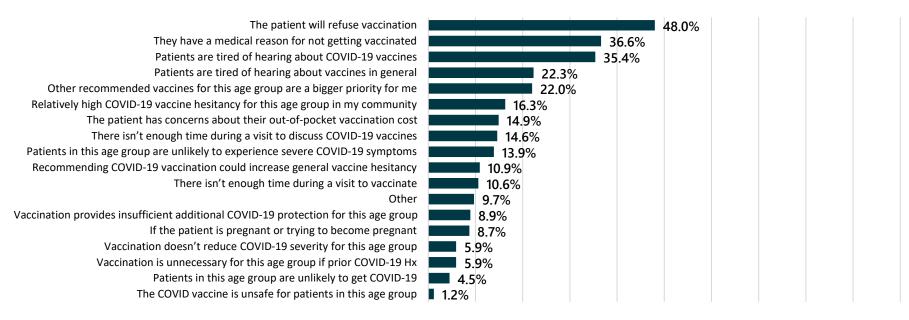
Most providers reported recommending the COVID-19 vaccine to adults most of the time or always.



## Reasons reported for NOT recommending COVID-19 vaccine to eligible adult patients (18–64 years)

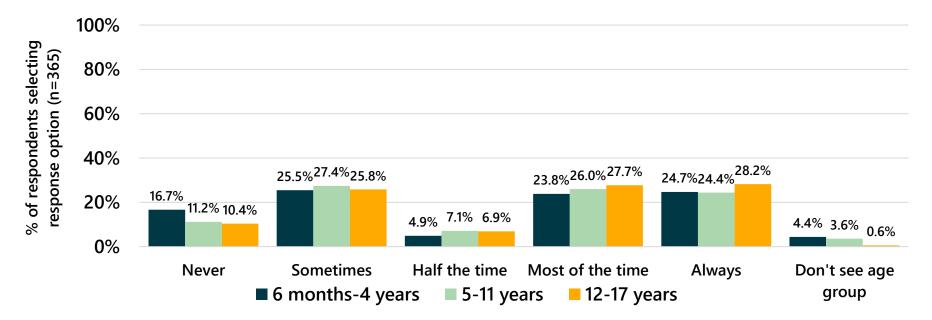
% of respondents selecting response option (n=404)

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%



### **Frequency of recommending on-site COVID-19 vaccination to eligible pediatric patients**

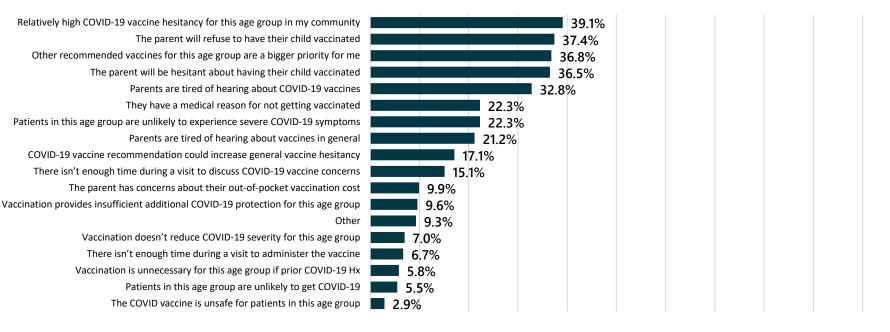
Approximately the same proportion of providers reported recommending the vaccine sometimes, most of the time, and always.



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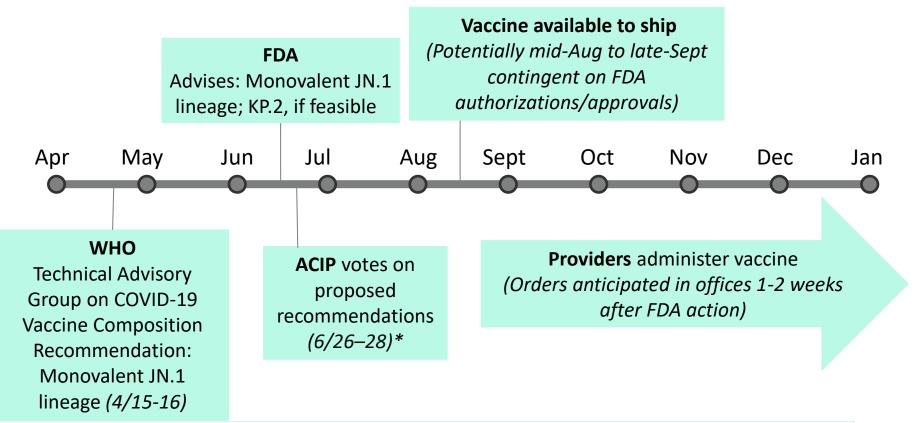
% of respondents selecting response option (n=345)

 $0\% \quad 10\% \quad 20\% \quad 30\% \quad 40\% \quad 50\% \quad 60\% \quad 70\% \quad 80\% \quad 90\% \quad 100\%$ 



### 2024-2025 COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation

#### **Prospective 2024 COVID-19 vaccine timeline**



\*CDC publishes MMWR policy note following ACIP and FDA action (potentially late August to late September). \*\*CDC updates COVID-19 Vaccine Interim Clinical Considerations immediately following FDA action.

#### 2024-25 respiratory virus vaccine program

- Similar to the 2023-2024 season, CDC plans to approach the 2024-2025 fall/winter respiratory season comprehensively.
  - CDC will develop and deliver clinical education materials, tools, and training to increase provider knowledge.



Goal: To help prevent disease, disability, and death from COVID-19, influenza, RSV, and other respiratory diseases.

## Insurance plans will cover the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines immediately

 The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires insurers to cover most ACIPrecommended vaccines without cost sharing by the next coverage year.<sup>1</sup>

 Section 3203 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act expedites coverage of COVID-19 vaccines beyond that which is required of most preventive services.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1. 42</sup> U.S. Code § 300gg–13 - Coverage of preventive health services. https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/42/300gg-13

<sup>2.</sup> FAQs about Affordable Care Act Implementation Part 50: https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/EBSA/about-ebsa/our-activities/resource-center/faqs/aca-part-50.pdf

## Individuals with Medicare and Medicaid will also have access to COVID-19 vaccines at no cost

- COVID-19 vaccines are covered under Medicare without cost-sharing.
- Most Medicaid beneficiaries have access to COVID-19 vaccines without cost-sharing.
- Inflation Reduction Act, passed in August 2022, includes key provisions:
  - Eliminates cost-sharing for all ACIP-recommended vaccines under Medicaid and Medicare Part D equivalent plans
  - Expanded coverage of all ACIP-recommended vaccines without cost-sharing to adult Medicaid beneficiaries
  - Guarantees that nearly 50 million Medicare beneficiaries and more than 80 million Medicaid beneficiaries will have access to all vaccines recommended by ACIP without cost-sharing

## Eligible children can receive COVID-19 Vaccines at no cost through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

- Eligibility: Children 0 through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the criteria:
  - Medicaid eligible
  - Uninsured, or
  - American Indian/Alaska Native, or
  - Underinsured\*

#### **COVID-19 Bridge Access Program**

- CDC's Bridge Access Program has provided free COVID-19 vaccines to adults without health insurance and adults whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs during the 2023-2024 season.
- Due to the Congressional funding recissions, the Bridge Access Program will sunset in August 2024, and will not be available to cover the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine.

#### Vaccines.gov

- Once 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines become widely available, Vaccines.gov will operate as a search tool to help people find pharmacies near them.
- Users must verify vaccine availability for themselves. Pharmacy contact information will be provided in the search results for that purpose, as well as for users to inquire about appointments.

#### Thank you

For more information, contact CDC/ATSDR 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636) TTY: 1-888-232-6348 www.cdc.gov www.atsdr.cdc.gov

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