

Immunocompromised Adults Remain At-Risk

Stay protected with another dose of the COVID-19 vaccine

COVID-19 continues to pose a serious health threat to people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised and more likely to get very sick from COVID-19.¹ The good news is people with weakened immune systems can reduce their risk of severe illness and hospitalization by receiving recommended vaccines, including another dose of the 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine six months after their first dose.²

Immunocompromised individuals are at-risk of severe infection from COVID-19

A person can be immunocompromised, or have a weakened immune system, due to a medical condition, or medications or treatments that suppress the immune system. People who are immunocompromised have weaker immune defenses against viruses and bacteria, making them more likely to get sick more often or more severely.³

Examples of conditions and treatments that cause individuals to become moderately or severely immunocompromised include but are not limited to:⁴

- Active treatment for cancer
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (e.g., common variable immunodeficiency disease, severe combined immunodeficiency, DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott–Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids

Individuals who are moderately or severely immunocompromised can alert their healthcare provider at the pharmacy, clinic, or medical office and receive an additional COVID-19 dose wherever COVID-19 vaccines are offered.

COVID-19 vaccine recommendations for immunocompromised individuals

While COVID-19 cases often increase during the winter, past years have shown that surges can happen any time of year.⁵ Because COVID-19 vaccine protection wanes over time, it is recommended that high-risk groups, including those who are immunocompromised, receive another dose of the 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine six months after their first dose.⁶ Getting another dose provides an additional layer of protection to reduce the risk of severe outcomes due to COVID-19 and be prepared ahead of another surge.

The 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccines became available in early fall of 2024. Individuals at high-risk who received a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in August, September, October, or November, are now eligible—or close to eligible—for another dose. For those who have yet to receive a first dose of the 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine, there's still time to do so.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7134a3.htm>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/covid/vaccines/benefits.html#>

³ <https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/risk-factors/weakened-immune-systems.html>

⁴ <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html#table-02>

⁵ <https://www.cdc.gov/ncird/whats-new/cdc-updates-vaccine-recommendations.html>

⁶ <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html>

Explore CVEEP resources to learn more on the latest vaccine recommendations and talk to your provider to ensure you are up to date.

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