

STAY SAFE. GET A COVID-19 VACCINE.



Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a safe and effective way to protect yourself and your family — get your COVID-19 vaccine or booster at no cost. Please visit ExcellusBCBS.com/covid19 for more information, tips and support.

FIND COVID-19 VACCINES NEAR YOU.

COVID-19 vaccines are now available in NYS to everyone 5 years* of age and older. Some locations may also accept walk-ins, including many pharmacies.

CDC Vaccine Finder

✓ Visit
Vaccines.gov

✓ Call the COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline
1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489)

✓ Text your ZIP code to
GETVAX (438829) for English
VACUNA (822862) for Spanish

For those without access to the internet, or out of state, please call 211 or visit your state's department of health website.

WHY SHOULD I GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

COVID-19 is very serious and can cause severe issues and death in some people. The best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 is by getting the vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccines are being held to the same rigorous safety and efficacy standards as all other vaccines — and have been **tested thousands of times to ensure safety**.



DOES MY HEALTH INSURANCE COVER THE VACCINE? WILL THERE BE A COST TO ME?

The COVID-19 vaccine is no cost.*

People age 5* or older are vaccine eligible. Booster shot eligibility may vary.

DO I NEED A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE VACCINE?

A prescription is not required.

You must show an ID such as a driver's license, or other proof of identity to get vaccinated.

IF I ALREADY HAD COVID-19 AND RECOVERED, DO I STILL NEED TO GET VACCINATED?

Yes, reinfection is still possible. Getting your COVID-19 vaccination and/or boosters when eligible, significantly reduce the risk of severe illness and death from the virus.

CAN A COVID-19 VACCINE GIVE ME COVID-19?

No. The COVID-19 vaccines being used in the U.S. don't use the live virus that causes COVID-19 and cannot make you sick from the virus. Some people may experience some mild side effects after receiving the vaccine, but this **does NOT mean you are sick with COVID-19**. These side effects are normal signs that your body is building protection against the virus.

HOW WILL I GET MY SECOND DOSE OF THE VACCINE?

If you require a second dose, at the time of your first shot you will receive instructions. It's important you get vaccinated and/or boosted within recommended timelines to reduce your risk. Some vaccines require only one shot.

The information in this document is current as of May 25, 2022. For the latest information on COVID-19, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention online at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov). Our Health Plan complies with federal civil rights laws.

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Atención: Si habla español, contamos con ayuda gratuita de idiomas disponible para usted.

Consulte el documento adjunto para ver las formas en que puede comunicarse con nosotros.

注意：如果您说中文，我们可为您提供免费的语言协助。请参见随附的文件以获取我们的联系方式。

*Members of a select number of "grandfathered" employer groups may need to pay a cost share for the administration of the vaccine. Please consult with your employer's human resources or health benefits representative for COVID-19 vaccine-related benefits.



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