A Guide to Help Identify Eligible Patients for COVID-19 Vaccination

Keeping up with CDC recommendations for COVID-19 vaccination can be challenging, as CDC guidance can change¹



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CURRENT RECOMMENDATION > AS OF JUNE 27, 2024



CDC recommends 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines as authorized or approved by FDA in persons ≥6 months of age²

Actor portrayal.

JUNE 2024

CDC recommends everyone aged 6 months and older receive an updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19, whether or not they have ever previously been vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine³





Under CDC Recommendations, Who Should Receive a COVID-19 Vaccination?³

A stepwise guide to patient identification

STEP 1: CHECK VACCINATION STATUS AT EACH APPOINTMENT

HAS THE ELIGIBLE PATIENT RECEIVED A 2024-2025 COVID-19 VACCINE?

If NO, proceed to Step 2

STEP 2: RECOMMEND COVID-19 VACCINATION TO ALL ELIGIBLE PATIENTS

A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL'S STRONG RECOMMENDATION IS A POWERFUL MOTIVATOR AND CAN HELP TO OVERCOME PATIENT HESITATION⁴

If an eligible patient says YES, vaccinate

If an eligible patient says NO, proceed to Step 3

STEP 3: DISCUSS RISK FACTORS FOR SEVERE COVID-19

IS THE PATIENT 50 YEARS OR OLDER?*

If YES, discuss how risk for severe COVID-19 increases with age⁵ and recommend again

DOES THE PATIENT HAVE MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR OTHER RISK FACTORS THAT INCREASES THE RISK FOR SEVERE COVID-19 (SEE PAGE 3)?

If YES, discuss how risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases with the presence of ≥ 1 of these conditions⁵ and recommend vaccination again

CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

^{*}Age is the strongest risk factor for severe COVID-19 outcomes, with risk of severe outcomes increasing markedly with increasing age. Risk is increased in people aged ≥50 years and older.⁵

[†]Risk of severe COVID-19 is increased in people of all ages with certain underlying medical conditions. See page 3.⁵

Certain Patients Are at Increased Risk for Severe COVID-19

Anyone can be infected with SARS-CoV-2, but the risk of severe outcomes* is greatest in adults aged 50 and older and in patients of any age with certain underlying conditions^{5†}

Below are exemplar hypothetical patients provided for illustrative purposes.



CAROL, 71
Healthy

Age ≥50 years⁵

Risk increases substantially after 65 years of age⁵



HAKEEM, 59
Heart disease



SUMMER, 18
Asthma



MICHAEL, 35
Diabetes

Risk of severe illness from COVID-19 increases with the presence of underlying medical conditions^{5†}

Actor portrayal.

*According to the CDC, severe outcomes of COVID-19 are defined as hospitalization, admission to the intensive care unit (ICU), intubation or mechanical ventilation, or death.⁵

SELECT UNDERLYING CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH RISK FOR SEVERE COVID-195

- Age 50 years and older
- Cardiovascular disease
- Chronic lung disease
- Diabetes
- Obesity (body mass index ≥30 kg/m²)

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*List is not exhaustive or in order of seriousness. Please scan the QR code for all risk factors for severe COVID-19.

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The CDC and ACIP Support Coadministration of Vaccines in Eligible Individuals⁶

According to the CDC6:

- Routine simultaneous administration* of all age-appropriate vaccines is recommended if there are no contraindications at the time of the visit[†]
- Providers may simultaneously administer[†] COVID-19, influenza, and RSV vaccines to eligible patients

*Special conditions apply to coadministration of mpox vaccines. Refer to CDC clinical guidance for information.⁶ †Simultaneous administration is defined as administering more than 1 vaccine on the same clinic day, at different anatomic sites, and not combined in the same syringe.⁶



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If the patient is eligible, don't wait! Consider recommending a COVID-19 vaccine

ACIP = Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; RSV = respiratory syncytial virus.

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