

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

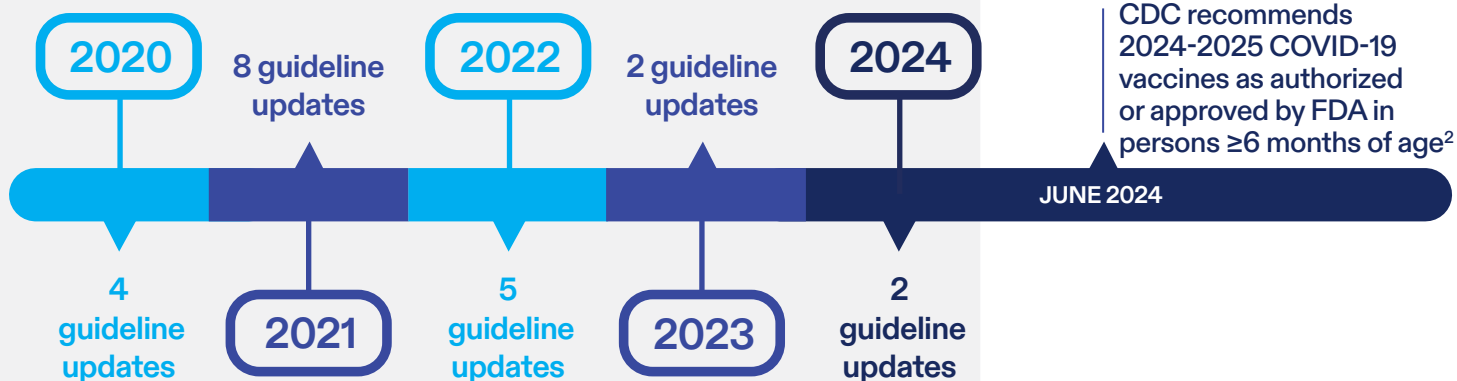
Keeping up with CDC recommendations for COVID-19 vaccination can be challenging, as CDC guidance can change<sup>1</sup>

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## CDC recommendation for COVID-19 vaccine, as of June 27, 2024

### < PREVIOUSLY ISSUED RECOMMENDATIONS

### CURRENT RECOMMENDATION > AS OF JUNE 27, 2024



CDC recommends 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines as authorized or approved by FDA in persons  $\geq 6$  months of age<sup>2</sup>

**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 vaccine<sup>3</sup>**

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# Under CDC Recommendations, Who Should Receive a COVID-19 Vaccination?<sup>3</sup>

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 HESITATION<sup>4</sup>**

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 age<sup>5</sup> 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 conditions<sup>5</sup> and recommend vaccination again

\*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.<sup>5</sup>

†Risk of severe COVID-19 is increased in people of all ages with certain underlying medical conditions. See page 3.<sup>5</sup>

# 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<sup>5†</sup>

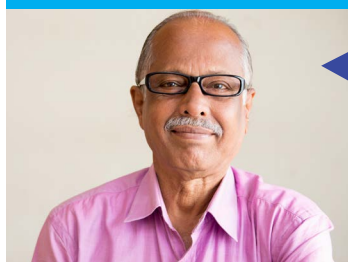
Below are exemplar hypothetical patients provided for illustrative purposes.



**CAROL, 71**  
*Healthy*

**Age  $\geq 50$  years<sup>5</sup>**

Risk increases substantially after 65 years of age<sup>5</sup>



**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<sup>5†</sup>**

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.<sup>5</sup>

## †SELECT UNDERLYING CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH RISK FOR SEVERE COVID-19<sup>5†</sup>

- Age 50 years and older
- Cardiovascular disease
- Chronic lung disease
- Diabetes
- Obesity (body mass index  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

Scan for CDC information about risk factors for severe COVID-19. By scanning this QR code, you will be directed to a website that is neither owned nor controlled by Pfizer. Pfizer is not responsible for the content or services of this site.



CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

†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 Individuals<sup>6</sup>

## According to the CDC<sup>6</sup>:

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

\*Special conditions apply to coadministration of mpox vaccines. Refer to CDC clinical guidance for information.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>†</sup>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.<sup>6</sup>



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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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