

# COVID-19 VACCINATION IS STILL IMPORTANT. HERE'S WHY



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## COVID-19 is still here.

COVID-19 remains a public health burden. Since September 2023, there have been over 15,000 new COVID-19 hospitalizations every week, the majority of these are among adults aged 50 and older.<sup>1</sup>



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## If you are aged 50 and older or have certain risk factors, you may be more likely to get very sick with COVID-19.

Risk factors include, but are not limited to, heart conditions, chronic lung disease, a weakened immune system, and being overweight or obese. Some people are at increased risk because of social factors such as where they live or work, or because they can't get health care. This includes people from racial and ethnic minority groups.<sup>2,3</sup>



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## The virus that causes COVID-19 continues to evolve.

This virus can change over time and can lead to new variants.<sup>4</sup>



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## Updated COVID-19 vaccines are designed to recognize and help fight recent variants.

This means that getting an updated COVID-19 vaccination is important. If you were vaccinated before September 2023, you may be due for an updated COVID-19 vaccination.<sup>4,5</sup>



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## Most adults should continue to pay \$0 out-of-pocket for COVID-19 vaccines.

Uninsured and underinsured adults can receive COVID-19 vaccines at no cost at participating locations. To find a Bridge Program location, visit **vaccines.gov**.<sup>6</sup>



 Visit **Vaxassist.com/sign-up** to sign up for vaccine news and updates.

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