

COVID Vaccine/Vaccination Updates

Information pulled from CDC as of 9/8/22 but subject to update/change

1. Recently Moderna, Pfizer, Novavax and J&J completed manufacturing of a new “bivalent” vaccine carrying multiple strains of the Covid virus.
2. These updated vaccines carry different strains of the vaccine than the vaccines which have been provided.
3. The original vaccines were developed to inoculate patients against BA.1,(Alpha) BA.2 (Beta) and BA.3 (Delta).
4. The updated vaccines carry protection against BA.4 and BA.5 (the Omicron subvariants)
5. The Omicron subvariants are more contagious and resistant to vaccination when compared to earlier strains of the virus. They are also lower in acuity and have not resulted in hospitalization, intubations and death rates associated with the initial strains of Covid-19.
6. CDC recommends everyone stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccination, including all primary series doses and boosters for their age group:
 - a. Ages 6 months through 4 years should get all COVID-19 primary series doses,
 - b. Ages 5 years and older should get all primary series doses, and updated COVID-19 boosters if eligible.
7. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine after you recover from COVID-19 infection provides added protection against COVID-19.
8. Patients are considered up to date vaccines if you have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC.
9. Mixing and matching vaccines is acceptable for boosters



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