

Updated COVID-19 Vaccine & Flu Shot

Following approval from federal health officials, the Chicago Department of Public Health is announcing its plans to make the new fall 2023 COVID-19 vaccine available to all Chicagoans age 6 months and up. In addition, CDPH is encouraging everyone 6 months and older to get an annual flu shot.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the updated COVID-19 vaccine targets currently circulating strains of the virus. Shipping of the new vaccines (one from Pfizer-BioNTech, one from Moderna) will begin this week, and doses are expected to be available within 5 to 12 days at clinics and pharmacies throughout Chicago. If it has been at least two months since your last COVID-19 vaccine, it is recommended you get the new vaccine right away.

Vaccine will continue to be available to everyone at no cost, regardless of insurance or immigration status. However, where people go to get the updated vaccine may be a little different as a result of the end of the federal public health emergency last spring and commercialization of the vaccine.

CDPH is allotted a supply of vaccine purchased by the federal government to distribute under the COVID-19 Bridge Access Program for Uninsured Adults. These doses will be allocated to federally qualified health centers that serve underinsured adults and Family Vaccination Clinics.

Uninsured will be able to access no cost vaccines at retail pharmacies that are participating in the Bridge Access Program. By visiting vaccines.gov or vacunas.gov (Spanish).

People with private health insurance or Medicaid or Medicare coverage should go to a pharmacy or doctor's office to get their updated COVID-19 vaccine.

For uninsured and underinsured Chicagoans, CDPH will be offering vaccine at no cost regardless of immigration status. Options for this include:

To find Federally Qualified Health Centers with no cost vaccines, visit <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/> or call (312) 746-4835.

CDPH Immunization Clinics: Walk-ins welcome, but registration is encouraged at <https://getvaxchi.chicago.gov>.