

# Get Adults' Vaccinations Back on Track

**Tip sheet** for providers on U.S. adult vaccines and tools to help adults catch up on needed vaccinations



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Adult and  
Influenza  
Immunization  
Summit

At least 3 out of every 4 adults are missing one or more vaccines like tetanus (Td/Tdap), pneumococcal, shingles, and flu vaccines. In addition, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine was new in 2023, and pneumococcal, and COVID-19 vaccine recommendations continue to evolve. HPV, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and mpox vaccines are recommended for certain age and risk groups.

VACCINE	RECENT UPDATES TO RECOMMENDATIONS	BRAND NAME(S)	DOSING	RECOMMENDING ORGANIZATIONS
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	Everyone 19–59 years. ≥60 years who want vaccination or have high-risk indication. If HIV+, HepHisav-B preferred. <sup>NIH</sup>	Engerix-B, Heplisav-B, Recombivax HB, Twinrix (Hep A+B)	2- or 3-dose series depending on brand	CDC, AAFP, ACOG, ACP, NIH
<b>Zoster (shingles)</b>	Everyone ≥50 years. ≥19 years immunocompromised.	Shingrix	2-dose series	CDC, AAFP, ACOG, ACP
<b>Pneumococcal</b>	Everyone ≥50 years. ≥19–49 years immunocompromised or high-risk medical condition.	Vaxneuvance (PCV15), Prevnar 20 (PCV20), Capvaxive (PCV21), Pneumovax 23 (PPSV23)	Either PCV20 or PCV21 alone, or PCV15 then PPSV23 one year later	CDC, AAFP, ACOG, ACP
<b>Influenza (flu)</b>	Everyone 6 months and older, including during pregnancy.	Multiple brands*	Annual vaccination	CDC, AAFP, ACOG, ACP, IDSA
<b>Preferred flu vaccines for adults ≥65 years</b>	≥65 years: give flu vaccines preferred by CDC for this age group. If not available, give any age-appropriate flu vaccine.	Fluad (adjuvanted), Fluzone High-Dose (inactivated), or Flublok (recombinant)	Annual vaccination	CDC, AAFP, ACOG, ACP, IDSA
<b>RSV</b>	Everyone 75 years and older, and 50–74 years at increased risk. Pregnant people (only Abrysvo) at 32 through 36 weeks' gestation September–January (in most cases).	Arexvy, mRESVIA or Abrysvo	One dose only. No additional dose is currently recommended.	CDC, AAFP, ACOG, ACP, IDSA
<b>Tdap/Td</b>	Complete 3-dose series if unvaccinated. One dose every 10 yrs and per wound care guidance.	TENIVAC (Td); Adacel or Boostrix (Tdap)	Complete 3-dose series if unvaccinated. One dose every 10 yrs and per wound care guidance.	CDC, AAFP, ACOG, ACP
<b>COVID-19</b>	≥19 yrs, including during pregnancy. Recommendations differ by organization. Updated guidance from CDC, AAFP, ACOG. PALTmed rec for long-term care residents and staff. IDSA rec for immunocompromised.	Spikevax licensed for 6 month–64 yrs at increased risk severe COVID-19 and all 65+ yrs. Comirnaty licensed for 5–64 yrs at increased risk and all 65+ yrs. Mnexspike and Nuvaxovid licensed for 12–64 yrs at increased risk of severe COVID-19 and all 65+ yrs.	One dose any brand if previously vaccinated. Two doses Nuvaxovid or one dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine if no prior dose. CDC/AAFP/ACP/PALTmed rec 65+ yrs get 2 doses 2025-26 vaccine 6 months apart. IDSA/CDC/PALTmed recommend additional dose(s) for immunocompromised.	CDC: Individual based decision-making 19+ yrs; advises vaccination more favorable if 65 yrs+ or 19-64 yrs and high-risk condition. AAFP/ACP/ACOG/IDSA/PALTmed: All 19+ yrs including during pregnancy.

\*ACIP voted 6/26/25 to recommend against use of multi-dose vials that include thimerosal as a preservative. AAFP/ACOG/ACP express no preference in multi- vs single-dose formulations of flu vaccines.

\*\*IDSA, CDC and PALTmed with additional recommendations for previously vaccinated or unvaccinated immunocompromised adults. ACIP voted 8/19/2025 to recommend individual-based-decision-making for everyone 6 months and older.

Abbreviations: AAFP=American Academy of Family Physicians; ACOG=American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; ACP=American College of Physicians; CDC=Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; IDSA=Infectious Diseases Society of America; NIH=National Institutes of Health; PALTmed=Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association; PCV=pneumococcal conjugate vaccine; PPSV=pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine; RSV=respiratory syncytial virus; Td/Tdap=tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis.



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■ **Tip: Utilize available resources for determining patients' vaccination needs**  
*All links are up-to-date as of November 8, 2025.*

- CDC vaccine schedules  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)
- CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States  
[www.cdc.gov/covid/hcp/vaccine-considerations/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/covid/hcp/vaccine-considerations/index.html)
- AAFP recommended U.S. vaccination schedules  
[www.aafp.org/family-physician/patient-care/prevention-wellness/immunizations-vaccines/immunization-schedules.html](http://www.aafp.org/family-physician/patient-care/prevention-wellness/immunizations-vaccines/immunization-schedules.html)
- ACOG seasonal vaccine recommendations  
[www.acog.org/news/news-releases/2025/08/acog-releases-updated-maternal-immunization-guidance-covid-influenza-rsv](http://www.acog.org/news/news-releases/2025/08/acog-releases-updated-maternal-immunization-guidance-covid-influenza-rsv)
- ACP 2025 ACIP schedule endorsed November 2024.  
[www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/ANNALS-25-01576](http://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/ANNALS-25-01576)
- Infectious Diseases Society of America COVID-19, influenza and RSV recommendations  
[www.idsociety.org/Seasonal-RTI-Vaccinations-in-Immunocompromised-Patients](http://www.idsociety.org/Seasonal-RTI-Vaccinations-in-Immunocompromised-Patients)
- PALTmed COVID-19 vaccination for residents and staff  
[paltmed.org/sites/default/files/2025-10/25-26%20COVID%20recommendations\\_FINAL.pdf](http://paltmed.org/sites/default/files/2025-10/25-26%20COVID%20recommendations_FINAL.pdf)
- American Pharmacists Association (APhA) statement on COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy  
[www.pharmacist.com/APhA-Press-Releases/apha-withholds-endorsement-of-acip-adult-immunization-schedule](http://www.pharmacist.com/APhA-Press-Releases/apha-withholds-endorsement-of-acip-adult-immunization-schedule)
- H-A-L-O (health, age, lifestyle, occupation) patient handout—Immunize.org  
[www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3070.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3070.pdf)
- CDC Pneumococcal VaxAdvisor mobile app for pneumococcal vaccines  
[www.cdc.gov/pneumococcal/hcp/vaccine-recommendations/app.html](http://www.cdc.gov/pneumococcal/hcp/vaccine-recommendations/app.html)

**Legislation from 2022 (Inflation Reduction Act)** has key provisions that help close longstanding gaps in vaccination coverage in Medicare and Medicaid, including no copayment for vaccines.

■ **Tip: Take advantage of health IT [e.g., electronic medical records (EMR), vaccine registries\*] patient and provider reminder resources**

- Activate health alerts in EMR to remind providers about needed vaccines
- Utilize clinical decision support and vaccine reminder tools in your vaccine registry\*  
[www.izsubmitpartners.org/benefits-of-iis-brochures](http://www.izsubmitpartners.org/benefits-of-iis-brochures)
- Send text, email or other reminders to patients about needed vaccines

■ **Tip: Use standing orders to improve vaccination efficiency in your clinic**  
[www.immunize.org/standing-orders](http://www.immunize.org/standing-orders)

■ **Tip: Give two or more needed vaccines at the same visit—coadministration how-to guide**  
[www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2030.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2030.pdf)

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- CDC provider resources for adult vaccinations  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccines-adults/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines-adults/index.html)
- Immunize.org handouts for adults  
[www.immunize.org/clinical/topic/adult-vaccination](http://www.immunize.org/clinical/topic/adult-vaccination)
- Vaccinating adults: a step-by-step guide  
[www.immunize.org/wp-content/uploads/guide/pdfs/vacc-adults-entire.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/wp-content/uploads/guide/pdfs/vacc-adults-entire.pdf)
- ACOG vaccination resources  
[www.acog.org/programs/immunization-for-women](http://www.acog.org/programs/immunization-for-women)
- Adult vaccination coding and billing information  
[www.izsubmitpartners.org/nais-workgroups/billing-coding-payment-workgroup](http://www.izsubmitpartners.org/nais-workgroups/billing-coding-payment-workgroup)
- Guidelines for the Prevention and Treatment of Opportunistic Infections in Adults and Adolescents With HIV.  
<https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/en/guidelines/hiv-clinical-guidelines-adult-and-adolescent-opportunistic-infections/hepatitis-b-virus?view=full>

\*Vaccine registries are also known as immunization information systems (IIS)