

A Guide to Getting Your Updated Flu and COVID-19 Vaccines in Chicago

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Respiratory illness season is here. Staying up to date with the latest vaccines is the best way to help protect against the worst outcomes of many infectious respiratory diseases, including COVID-and flu.



Who needs flu and COVID-19 vaccines?

- **Flu:** The CDC recommends everyone ages 6 months and older receive a 2024-2025 flu vaccine every year in the fall. Some individuals may consider vaccination in July or August depending on circumstances.
- **COVID-19:** The CDC recommends everyone ages 6 months and older receive a 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine. CDC also recommends a second dose of the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine for people who are 65 years and older and for those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised. The second dose should be given 6 months after the first dose.



Where can I get the latest COVID-19 and flu vaccines in Chicago?

- **Pharmacies:** Most major pharmacies offer many vaccines. Check with your pharmacy to see what vaccines are available and if an appointment is needed. [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) features a pharmacy lookup tool to help you find a pharmacy near you.
- **Healthcare Provider's Office:** If you have a primary healthcare provider, you can schedule an appointment to discuss staying up to date with your COVID-19 and flu vaccines—and get vaccinated.
- **Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH):**

Immunization Clinics: CDPH's immunization clinics serve uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid-insured and CHIP individuals. To schedule an appointment, visit getvaxchi.chicago.gov or call (312) 745-1477.

Chicago CareVan: This mobile immunization clinic offers vaccinations for no out pocket costs at locations around the city including Head Start, childcare centers, schools, public housing sites, WIC centers, and community events. To schedule an appointment with the Chicago CareVan, visit getvaxchi.chicago.gov or call (312) 746 - 9096. Find the schedule [here](#)

Vaccine Clinics: CDPH includes upcoming Aldermanic Clinics, Family Flu Clinics, and other vaccine events on their [website](#).



Learn more



Will I have to pay out-of-pocket to get vaccinated?

- **Have insurance?** COVID-19 and flu vaccines for children and adults are covered by nearly all insurance plans at no cost. Be sure to check that your vaccine provider takes your insurance.
- **No insurance or underinsured?**

CDPH serves individuals who are uninsured, underinsured, or covered by Medicaid and CHIP through their clinics listed below/on the left.

Children 18 years old or younger who are uninsured or otherwise unable to afford the cost of vaccines, including those who have Medicaid or qualify for CHIP benefits, can receive vaccines free of cost through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program or at CDPH Immunization Clinics. Search for a VFC provider: <https://vfc.illinois.gov/search/>



What should I bring to a vaccine appointment?

- **Identification** (such as a driver's license or other issued ID)
- **Insurance cards**

SOURCES:

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