

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

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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-19 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 Philadelphia?

- **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.
- **Philadelphia City Health Centers:** Philadelphia's eleven city health centers provide free or low-cost care for uninsured individuals, including COVID-19 and flu vaccines.
- **Philadelphia Primary Care Finder:** Find more free or low-cost primary care options near you by visiting [www.phila.gov/primary-care/](https://www.phila.gov/primary-care/) (Tip: You can use the “vaccines” tab to filter for clinics that provide vaccines.)
- **In-home:** If you need an in-home vaccine, contact the Philadelphia Department of Public Health's call center at (215) 685-5488.



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## 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?**

**Uninsured individuals** accessing free or low-cost care from **Philadelphia City Health Centers or clinics listed in the Philadelphia Primary Care Finder** will be charged a small fee based on family size and income.

**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.



## 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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