

# The New COVID-19 Vaccine for 2023-2024

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A new COVID-19 vaccine was approved to protect everyone this fall and winter.

- Everyone 6 months and older should get the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine.
- It's especially important for older adults and people with high risk conditions.

# The new COVID-19 vaccine is worth getting, even if you've been vaccinated before or had COVID.

- It will strengthen your body's ability to fight the new variants of COVID-19 that are spreading now.
- Studies show that staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations protects people from long COVID. Long COVID includes long-lasting symptoms like difficulty with thinking or breathing, bad headaches, and extreme tiredness.
- Anyone can get long COVID, even if you aren't in a high risk group. So the new vaccine protects **everyone**.

# Public Health offers the new COVID-19 vaccine at the Kent Public Health Center.

- Where: [25742 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98030](#)
- Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 9:30 am – 6 pm (closed 12:30-1:30 pm), by appointment
- To make an appointment:
  - Schedule online at [Kingcounty.gov/KentVaccine](https://kingcounty.gov/KentVaccine). You can register in Chinese, English, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese and few other languages.
  - Schedule by phone: Call 1-206-477-6950 and choose option #4. You can ask for your language if you need an interpreter.

# Other COVID-19 vaccination options:

Check [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) for pharmacies and clinics that have the new COVID-19 vaccine.

Public Health offers:

- **In-home vaccination** if you have a injury, disability, or health condition that makes it difficult to leave home
- **Community vaccination events**

Get more information at [kingcounty.gov/vaccine](https://kingcounty.gov/vaccine).

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# Cost of the new COVID-19 vaccine if you have insurance:

- **Most insurance will pay for the whole cost.** This includes Medicare and Medicaid/CHIP, also known as “Apple Health.” You will need to get vaccinated by a provider in your insurance’s network.
- Vaccine locations will ask if you have insurance.
- Remember to have your insurance information when you make an appointment and when go to get vaccinated.

# You can get free COVID-19 vaccination if you are uninsured or your insurance doesn't cover vaccines.

Free vaccination is available from the “Bridge Access Program.” Locations include:

- **CVS, Walgreens** and some independent pharmacies
- **Community Health Centers**
- Public Health's **Kent Vaccination Center**

Find locations participating in the Bridge Access Program on [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

# Children and teens who don't have insurance can get free vaccination from:

- **Providers in the Vaccines for Children program**
- **School Based Health Centers** in many schools in King County
- **Back-to-School Vaccination Clinics** in south King County. You can get COVID-19 vaccines and all childhood vaccines required by school.)

Information about these options: See “Find a vaccination provider for uninsured/underinsured children” on [kingcounty.gov/findaclinic](https://kingcounty.gov/findaclinic). Translated information is available.

Help your body fight the new variants.  
Get the new COVID-19 vaccine even if  
you've been vaccinated or had COVID.

- You should get the new vaccine if it's been 2 months or more since you got your last COVID-19 vaccine.
- Get the new vaccine if you've missed getting a booster earlier or if you've never been vaccinated.
- If you've had COVID recently, you can get the new COVID-19 vaccine once you've recovered.

# It's safe to get the COVID shot and the flu shot at the same time.

- If you want to avoid separate appointments for vaccination, you can get the shots at the same time.
- You can get free flu shots at the Kent Vaccine Center when you get a COVID-19 shot.

# Questions about the new COVID-19 vaccine?

- Call Washington State Department of Health information line: **1-800-525-0127**. Say the name of your language for interpretation.
- Go to [kingcounty.gov/covid/vaccine](https://kingcounty.gov/covid/vaccine). Use the Google translate menu for other languages.