

# Vaccine Recommendations for Respiratory Season



COVID-19 vaccines continue to [protect patients](#) against severe disease, hospitalization, and death.

Similar to the yearly influenza vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines are updated every year to better match circulating variants and restore protection that may have waned over time.

In August 2024, the FDA approved and authorized the Omicron JN.1 lineage (JN.1 and KP.2), 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccines by Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech (KP.2 strain), and Novavax (JN.1 strain).

## **It is safe and effective to get the COVID-19 and Flu vaccines at the same time.**

Co-administration of recommended vaccines promotes improved access, increases vaccine uptake, results in fewer healthcare visits, and is more cost-effective.

Patients whose providers only offer one vaccine may not go on to receive the second vaccine, resulting in lost opportunities to protect vulnerable patients.

## **This season, we ask that you contact all your patients 6 months and older to:**



- ◆ Offer and administer the 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine as well as the yearly influenza vaccine. These vaccines can be administered at the same visit along with other recommended vaccines (e.g. RSV, Shingrix).
- ◆ Use reminder systems to contact patients via texts and emails, especially those that are at highest risk for severe disease including pregnant persons, older adults, and those with underlying conditions.
- ◆ Avoid missed opportunities. Offer COVID-19 and flu vaccines during all clinic visits along with other age-appropriate vaccines.

If you don't routinely offer vaccines at your clinic, make a strong recommendation for COVID and flu vaccines and consider collaborating with pharmacy partners to ensure protection for your patients and community.

