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Approach to Vaccines Following Respiratory Illness

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COVID-19 vaccines and boosters

- COVID-19 vaccines are a safe and effective way to help protect against severe COVID-19 infections, hospitalization and death

COVID-19 vaccines and boosters

- Although it is possible for those who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 to contract the virus, Those who are up to date with boosters are much less likely to experience severe symptoms than people who are unvaccinated.

Who is eligible to receive the bivalent booster?

- Adults who have . . .
 - ☑ Completed their primary vaccine series
 - ☑ Received their last COVID-19 vaccine dose at least 2 months ago
- . . . are eligible for the bivalent booster

Vaccine timing

- There is no recommended waiting period between getting a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines.
- Individuals can get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines, including a flu vaccine, at the same visit.

Individuals who have recovered from a recent acute illness

- There is no need to wait to receive the vaccine after an acute illness.
- Individuals may receive their vaccination once the illness has improved.

Getting vaccines if you had or currently have COVID-19

- If you recently had COVID-19, you **may** consider delaying your next vaccine dose (whether a primary dose or booster) by 3 months

Getting vaccines if you had or currently have COVID-19

- Certain factors could be reasons to get a vaccine sooner rather than later, such as:
 - personal risk of severe disease,
 - risk of disease in a loved one or close contact,
 - local COVID-19 Community Level, and
 - the most common COVID-19 variant currently causing illness

Getting vaccines if you had or currently have COVID-19

- If your health care team determines it is best to wait, 3 months should be counted from when your symptoms started or – if you had no symptoms – when you first received a positive test.

What if the vaccine I had for my original vaccine series is not available to me?

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does not recommend mixing products for your primary series doses. If you received Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Novavax for the first dose of your primary series, you should get the same product for all following primary series doses.

What if I am immunocompromised?

- There are special considerations if you are immunocompromised, as your immune response to COVID-19 vaccines may not be as strong as those who are not immunocompromised.

Who is considered moderately or severely immunocompromised?

Some people have a weakened immune system due to a medical condition or because they are taking immunosuppressive medications or treatments.

- Examples include **but are not limited to:**
 - Active treatment for solid tumor and hematologic malignancies
 - Currently taking immunosuppressive therapy after organ transplant
 - Advanced or untreated HIV infection
 - Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids

If you are unsure about your condition

- Make sure to discuss how COVID-19 vaccines will affect your specific medical condition with your health care provider.

If you are moderately or severely immunocompromised

- A third primary dose may prevent serious and possibly life-threatening complications from COVID-19.
- This third dose is not a booster dose, but is included in the individual's primary vaccine series.

If you are moderately or severely immunocompromised

- You should get one updated (bivalent) booster (using Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) if it has been more than 2 months since your last vaccine dose.
- You will be considered up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines immediately after getting one updated (bivalent) booster.

Questions?



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