



About COVID-19 vaccination

COVID-19 vaccination is safe and effective. It gives you the best protection against serious COVID-19 illness.

Recommended COVID-19 vaccination depends on your age and if you're at higher risk from COVID-19.

This can include getting:

- a booster dose (Link: <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-booster-dose/>)
- dose 1, dose 2, or dose 3 (Link: <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/about-covid-19-vaccination/#getting-dose-1-dose-2-or-dose-3>)
- an additional dose if you have a weak immune system (Link: <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/weak-immune-system/>)
- booster doses if you are pregnant (Link: <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/pregnancy/>)

Where to get your vaccine

People age 12 and older can go to:

- a participating pharmacy (Link: <https://www2.hse.ie/services/pharmacies-covid-19/>)
- your GP if they are offering COVID-19 vaccination

Children under 12 need to go to a vaccination centre or walk-in clinic. They cannot be vaccinated at a GP or pharmacy.

How to get a COVID-19 vaccine for children (Link: <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/children/>)

People under 16 must attend their vaccination with a parent or guardian.

Call HSELive to find out where is offering vaccines near you, or to find out which dose you are due. Freephone: 1800 700 700 (Link: [tel:1800 700 700](tel:1800700700))

Booster dose

A first booster dose is:

- recommended for everyone age 18 and older
- recommended for people age 5 to 11 with a weak immune system (Link: <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/weak-immune-system/>)
- available to everyone age 12 and older

Booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine (Link: <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-booster-dose/>)

Seasonal booster doses are now being offered to some people at higher risk of COVID-19.

Check who can get a booster dose (Link: <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-booster-dose/#who-can-get-an-autumn-booster>)

Getting dose 1, dose 2, or dose 3

The first round of vaccination is for people who haven't had a COVID-19 vaccine yet.

To get your first round of COVID-19 vaccination, you must be age 6 months or older.

Age 30 or older

People age 30 or older need 2 doses for their first round of vaccination. The second dose is given 4 weeks after dose 1.

If you had COVID-19

Before getting a COVID-19 vaccine, wait at least 4 weeks since you tested positive or from when your symptoms started.

Age 5 to 29

People age 5 to 29 or older need 2 doses for their first round of vaccination. The second dose is given 8 weeks after dose 1.

If you had COVID-19

Before getting a COVID-19 vaccine, wait at least 8 weeks since you tested positive or from when your symptoms started.

Age 6 months to 4 years

Children age 6 months to 4 years will need 3 doses for their first round of COVID-19 vaccination.

For this age group:

- the second dose is given 3 weeks after the first
- the third dose is given 8 weeks after the second dose

What to do if your child has or recently had COVID-19 (Link: <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/children/#if-your-child-has-covid-19>)

Booking a vaccination appointment for a child

There are separate vaccine clinics for children age:

- 6 months to 4 years
- 5 to 11 years

Book the correct clinic for your child's age group. The vaccine doses offered are different for young children.

 **Book an appointment** (Link: <https://covid19booster.healthservice.ie/hse-self-referral/?flow=booster>)

If you have problems booking online, freephone HSELive on 1800 700 700 (Link: [tel:1800 700 700](tel:1800700700)).

If you were vaccinated abroad

If you got dose 1 or dose 2 in another country, you can continue your vaccination here at a participating GP or pharmacy.

You will need your vaccination details including vaccine type, date given and expiry date.

If you have any questions about which vaccine you are due, freephone HSELive on 1800 700 700 (Link: [tel:1800 700 700](tel:1800700700)).

More information about COVID-19 vaccines

COVID-19 vaccine types (Link: <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/vaccine-types/>)

COVID-19 vaccine side effects and safety (Link: <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/side-effects/>)

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More in [Getting your COVID-19 vaccine](#) (Link: </screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/>)

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Find a pharmacy giving COVID-19 vaccines (Link: <https://www2.hse.ie/services/pharmacies-covid-19/>)

Children

How to get a COVID-19 vaccine for children (Link: </screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/children/>)

Deciding on COVID-19 vaccination for children (Link: </screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/covid-19-vaccination-for-children/>)

Walk-in clinics for children (Link: </services/covid-19-vaccination-centres/>)

Weak immune system

Weak immune system and COVID-19 vaccines (Link: </screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/weak-immune-system/>)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Pregnancy, breastfeeding and fertility: COVID-19 vaccination (Link: </screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/pregnancy/>)