

FALL & WINTER 2023 IMMUNIZATIONS



VACCINE	ABOUT THE VACCINE	WHO CAN GET IT	WHY GET IT	WHEN TO GET IT	WHERE TO GET IT
FLU VACCINE	The annual flu vaccine is designed to protect against the 4 flu viruses that are predicted to be most common this flu season.	Everyone aged 6 months or older.	It can reduce the risk of flu illness, hospitalization, and death. For those who do get the flu, it can reduce the severity of illness.	September and October are the best times to get it, but it can still provide protection if received later and flu is still circulating.	Health departments, pharmacies, and medical offices. Find a location at vaccinate.virginia.gov
COVID-19 VACCINE	The 2023–2024 COVID-19 vaccines have been updated to target the Omicron XBB.1.5 variant and are expected to provide protection against other Omicron variants.	Everyone aged 6 months or older.	Staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccines protects against severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. It also reduces the risk of Long COVID.	People can get the vaccine now. Those previously vaccinated for COVID-19 can receive the vaccine at least 2 months after their last dose.	Health departments, pharmacies, and medical offices. Find a location at vaccinate.virginia.gov
RSV VACCINE FOR OLDER ADULTS	A new vaccine for adults 60 years or older to prevent severe RSV.	Adults aged 60 years or older in consultation with their doctor.	Adults aged 60 years or older and adults with chronic medical conditions are at highest risk for severe illness, hospitalization, or death from RSV.	September and October are the best times to get it, but it can still provide protection if received later in RSV season.	Health departments, pharmacies, and medical offices.
RSV VACCINE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN	A new vaccine for pregnant women to protect their infants from severe RSV in the first 6 months of life.	People who are 32 through 36 weeks pregnant.	To protect the infant against RSV. Infants are at highest risk for severe RSV illness during their first year of life.	During RSV season which is typically September through January.	Health departments, pharmacies, and medical offices.
RSV ANTIBODY IMMUNIZATION FOR INFANTS	A new antibody immunization (not a vaccine) to protect infants from severe RSV. This immunization copies the immune system's ability to fight off RSV.	All infants less than 8 months of age and children aged 8 through 19 months who are at increased risk for severe illness. Most infants don't need this immunization if mother received the RSV vaccine while pregnant.	Infants are at highest risk for severe RSV illness during their first year of life.	September and October are the best times to get it, but it can still provide protection if received later in RSV season.	Health departments, medical offices, and birthing hospitals.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/respiratory-diseases-in-virginia/>

In many cases, these vaccines can be given at the same time. If you have questions about any immunization, talk with a healthcare provider or a pharmacist. If you do not have a healthcare provider, find your local health department at vdh.virginia.gov/health-department-locator and talk with them.