

Plan Ahead This Flu Season

Vaccines, such as an annual flu shot, can be administered to eligible individuals at the same time as a COVID-19 vaccine.¹

See Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for best practices on coadministration.

Having a plan in place to offer both vaccinations in 1 appointment will help give your community the best shot at protection this season.^{1,2}



The CDC has updated their COVID-19 vaccine coadministration guidance to include vaccines, such as flu shots, for:



People who have had 1 or 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine¹



Those who are planning to get their COVID-19 vaccine within the next 14 days¹



People who have or who have had COVID-19, if no longer symptomatic³



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Make sure to check state and local guidelines for up-to-date information about influenza and COVID-19. In addition, always verify appropriate indications for influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.

Vaccine Fatigue Is Real

You've come this far, but your community still needs you.

Guidance around vaccines is constantly evolving, and patients and providers alike may feel overwhelmed with the amount of changing information. Coordinating both COVID-19 and flu vaccinations in your practice this season may also be a challenge.

But with flu season approaching and the unpredictability of COVID-19 circulation, getting the word out early about your practice's flu vaccine availability will help your patients plan for better protection this year.³

The best way to combat vaccine fatigue is to have a strong plan in place well before the start of the season.

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Below are some tips to help you manage the flow of flu vaccinations this season:

- 1 Get the Word Out** | Advertise flu shot availability well in advance of the season. Make sure patients know your vaccine plan by July or August at the latest
- 2 Pick a Day of the Week** | To help streamline the flow of vaccine appointments, advertise a specific day of the week for your practice to administer flu shots. If possible, set up additional walk-in hours throughout the week for patient convenience
- 3 Have the Right Tools** | Ensure you have all the items needed to run the clinic, including action plans, communication tools, logistical signs, and patient materials. You can find these kinds of materials and guidance on how to use them [here](#)
- 4 Patient Proof** | Provide documentation of vaccine administration to all recipients at time of vaccination
- 5 Have a Backup Plan** | Ensure backup plans are in place in case of late arrivals or delays

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