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Autumn round of COVID-19 vaccination

The COVID-19 vaccine provides **additional protection** against serious illness from COVID-19

The COVID-19 vaccine is
available from 15 September
through 5 December 2025



People at a higher risk of falling seriously ill from COVID-19 will be able to get a COVID-19 vaccine in the autumn. The COVID-19 vaccine gives people additional protection against hospital admission or death from COVID-19. This is very important, since the virus is still circulating and could surge again.

People eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine

- People aged 60 and over.
- People aged 50–59 years who receive an annual invitation to have the seasonal flu vaccine.
- Adults and children in medical high-risk groups (such as people with severe immune disorders).
- Care workers who have direct contact with vulnerable patients.

The COVID-19 vaccine is also available to some people outside of the target group. This includes people who have a vulnerable family member, or people who want to get a COVID-19 vaccine on the advice of their attending physician.

Invitation letter or appointment

- If you are 60 years or older, you will receive an invitation letter from the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) from 25 August.
- If you are aged 50–59 years and receive an annual invitation to get the seasonal flu vaccine, or if you work in healthcare, you will not receive an invitation letter. Instead, you can make an appointment with the Municipal Public Health Service (GGD) through planjeprik.nl or by phoning **0800 7070** during office hours.

The COVID-19 vaccine will be made available at the Municipal Public Health Service (GGD) from 15 September through 5 December 2025.

Why get another COVID-19 vaccine?

COVID-19 is still around and could surge again. The COVID-19 vaccine gives you better protection against serious illness from COVID-19.

Key information

- The COVID-19 vaccine provided is the mRNA vaccine made by Pfizer/BioNTech. The vaccine is safe and provides effective protection against serious illness from COVID-19.
- The COVID-19 vaccine is free.
- It is up to you to decide if you want to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Potential side effects

Getting the COVID-19 vaccine involves potential side effects. These side effects are a normal physical response to the vaccine. It means that your body is building up immunity to COVID-19.

These are the most common symptoms:

- pain at the injection site;
- headache;
- tiredness;
- muscle pain;
- fever.

These symptoms usually last for 1 to 3 days. Serious side effects are very rare. If you have any concerns about your health, please always contact your GP or attending physician.

If you have had the COVID-19 vaccine and are experiencing symptoms that are not consistent with mild or short-term side effects, please report them to the Pharmacovigilance Centre Lareb at www.lareb.nl.



Protect people who are in vulnerable health

Some people can become very ill if they contract COVID-19, flu or the common cold. If you have symptoms that could indicate a respiratory infection, take extra precautions around people who are in vulnerable health.

- Stay home if you are ill.
- If you have mild symptoms, consult with your employer to see if you can work from home.
- If you have symptoms, avoid any physical contact with people who can become seriously ill from a respiratory infection. If physical contact cannot be avoided, you must wear a face mask that covers the mouth and nose. This also applies to informal carers.
- Always cough and sneeze into your elbow. Wash your hands with soap and water, thoroughly and often – even if you do not have any symptoms.
- Make sure the space has a good flow of fresh air.



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