

ROUTINE VACCINATIONS FOR OLDER ADULTS (≥50 Y/O)							
Vaccine	Mechanism	Side Effects	Cost	Timing	Availability	Additional Information	
COVID-19 Pfizer-BioNTech® Moderna® Novavax®	Pfizer-BioNTech®: mRNA Moderna®: mRNA Novavax®: protein subunit vaccine	In the arm where you got the shot: Pain Redness Swelling Throughout the rest of your body: Tiredness Headache Muscle pain Chills Fever Nausea	Medicare and Medicaid cover FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines. Most private health insurance plans cover vaccines. The COVID-19 vaccine will need to be checked with the specific insurance provider. The Bridge Access Program offers free COVID-19 vaccines for the uninsured and those with financial difficulties.	Primary vaccination series Two bivalent COVID-19 vaccines are recommended: Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech. • 1 bivalent dose for series completion One monovalent COVID-19 vaccine is recommended: Novavax. • 2 monovalent doses separated by 3 to 8 weeks Vaccine products made by the same manufacturer should be used for all doses of the primary series when possible. Booster vaccination Recommended to receive 1 dose of any updated (2023-2024 Formula) bivalent or monovalent vaccines separated from any recent COVID-19 vaccine dose by at least 8 weeks.	Doctor's office Local pharmacy	For adults 65 years and older that are immunocompromised, the primary vaccination series may require additional doses.	
Influenza All quadrivalent	Standard – grown in eggs Cell based – egg free Recombinant – egg free High dose – 4x antigen, egg based Adjuvanted – high immune response, egg based Nasal spray – live weakened flu virus, egg based	 Soreness, redness, and swelling at the injection site Fever, muscle aches, and headache Possible increased risk of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) 	Medicare Part B covers one influenza vaccine every flu season. Medicaid may cover all or a portion of the cost for an influenza vaccine. Most private health insurance plans cover vaccines. The influenza vaccine will need to be checked with the specific insurance provider.	1 dose in September or October is recommended. Administration can also take place in December or later. Administration can take place before the flu season starts as it takes about 2 weeks after vaccination for antibodies that protect against the flu to develop in the body.	 Doctor's office Local pharmacy 	For adults 65 years and older, there are three flu vaccines recommended for better immune response. Fluzone High Dose Quadrivalent Flublok Quadrivalent recombinant flu vaccine Fluad Quadrivalent adj. flu vaccine	

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Pneumococcal	PCV13, PCV15, and	PCV13, PCV15, and	Medicare Part B covers 100%	PCV15/PCV20	Doctor's office	PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor
PCV13	PCV20: inactivated,	PCV20	of cost when given ≥12	 Adults ≥ 65 who have not 	Doctor's officeLocal pharmacy	Mobile App can help providers
PCV15	conjugate	 Redness, 	months apart.	previously received a	• Local pilatiliacy	determine patient specific
PCV20		swelling, pain,		pneumococcal conjugate		pneumococcal vaccine
PPSV23	PPSV23: inactivated,	or tenderness at	Most private health insurance	vaccine: 1 dose of PCV15 or		guidance recommended by
	polysaccharide	injection site	plans cover vaccines. The	PCV20		the ACIP.
		 Fever, loss of 	pneumococcal vaccine will	Adults >50 with		
		appetite,	need to be checked with the	immunocompromising		Older adults are at a greater
		fussiness,	specific insurance provider.	conditions without a previous		risk for morbidity and
		tiredness,		pneumococcal conjugate		mortality due to
		headache, and		vaccine: 1 dose PCV15 or		pneumococcal disease.
		chills		PCV20		
		PPSV23				Studies show that getting 1
		 Redness or pain 		PPSV23		shot of PPSV23 protects:
		at injection site		PPSV23 should be given to a patient		Between 6-7 in 10 healthy
		 Tiredness, fever, 		who has previously received PCV15		adults against invasive
		or muscle aches		Adults ≥65: 1 dose		pneumococcal disease.
				Adults >50 if		
				immunocompromised		
				 At least 1 year after PCV15 (8 		
				weeks if high risk person)		
				Previous vaccinations without any		
				immunocompromising conditions		
				Only PPSV23		
				 Give 1 dose of PCV15 or 		
				PCV20 at least 1 year after		
				previous vaccination.		
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				Only PCV13		
				Give 1 dose of PPSV23 or Section 1.1		
				PCV20 at least 1 year after		
				previous vaccination.		
				PCV13 and PPSV23 Before Age 65		
				• Give 1 dose of PCV20 or		
				PPSV23.		
				Wait at least 5 years		
				between PCV20 and any		
				other pneumococcal		
				vaccine.		
				Wait at least 5 years		
				between PPSV23 doses		
				and 8 weeks between		
				PCV12 and PPSV23.		

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Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Arexvy® Abrysvo®	Arexvy®: inactivated with adjuvant, recombinant Abrysvo®: inactivated, recombinant	 Injection site pain Fatigue Headache Diarrhea Muscle aches Possible increased risk of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) 	Medicare Part D plans cover the RSV vaccine, but there may be a cost or copay. Medicaid may cover all or a portion of the cost for a RSV vaccine. Most private health insurance plans cover vaccines. The RSV vaccine will need to be checked with the specific insurance provider.	Adults ≥60 who have not previously received a RSV vaccine: 1 dose of Arexvy® or Abrysvo®.	 Doctor's office Local pharmacy 	Patients with certain medical conditions such as COPD, asthma, CHF, CAD, diabetes, cerebrovascular disease, and CKD are at an increased risk of RSV-associated hospitalization.
Shingles Shingrix®	Shingrix: inactivated, recombinant	 Sore arm with mild to moderate pain Redness or swelling at injection site Tiredness, muscle pain, headache, shivering, fever, stomach pain, and nausea 	Medicare Part D covers it, but there may be a cost or copay. Medicaid may cover all or a portion of the cost for a shingles vaccine. Most private health insurance plans cover vaccines. The shingles vaccine will need to be checked with the specific insurance provider.	Adults >50: 2 doses that are 2-6 months apart, regardless of previous herpes zoster, chickenpox vaccine or Zostavax vaccination	Doctor's office Local pharmacy	 In the U.S., about 1 in 3 people will develop shingles in their lifetime. 2 doses of Shingrix are more than 90% effective at preventing shingles.
Tdap/Td Adacel® Boostrix® Tenivac®	Tdap Adacel®: inactivated with adjuvant. Boostrix®: inactivated with adjuvant. Td Tenivac®: inactivated with adjuvant.	Problems following Tdap vaccination can include: Injection site reaction Pain Redness Swelling Mild fever Headache Feeling tired Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or stomachache	Medicare Part D plans cover Tdap/Td vaccine, but there may be costs to you depending on your specific plan. Medicaid may cover all or a portion of the cost for an Tdap/Td vaccine. Most private health insurance plans cover vaccines. The Tdap/Td vaccine will need to be checked with the specific insurance provider.	 All adults who have never received one should get a Tdap shot. This can be given at any time, regardless of when they last got a Td vaccine. This should be followed by either a Td or Tdap shot every 10 years. 	 Doctor's office Local pharmacy 	 Nearly everyone (97 in 100) against diphtheria for approximately 10 years. Virtually everyone against tetanus for approximately 10 years.

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