

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation

COVID-19 Vaccines

Position Statement

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Principles on COVID-19 Vaccination for IBD Patients

The Foundation encourages eligible individuals with IBD receive the updated COVID-19 vaccine for the 2025-2026 season, in alignment with current CDC, FDA, or AAP recommendations.

- Adults aged 65 and older
- Individuals aged 6–64 with at least one high-risk medical condition
- Children and adolescents ages 6 months–18 years, informed by a healthcare provider.
- We support equitable access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines for all individuals.

COVID-19 vaccine information for patients with IBD

- Current evidence continues to show that individuals with IBD are not at greater risk of severe illness from COVID-19 infection than the healthy population
- However, studies have reported that people with IBD who get COVID-19 infection are at higher risk for developing other infections afterward, including RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) and Herpes zoster (shingles)
- All FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines are considered safe for IBD patients, regardless of their IBD treatment regimen. If unsure, check with your healthcare provider
- Most IBD patients can mount a normal immune response to vaccination, so typically do not require additional doses beyond the standard vaccination schedule.
- Healthcare providers should guide patients on individualized vaccine strategies

Making an Informed Decision

Vaccination decisions should be made in partnership between individuals with IBD and their healthcare providers. The Foundation aims to provide the most current and accurate information, but decisions should be based on individual health circumstances, insurance coverage, and professional medical advice.

Additional Resources

For the latest information on COVID-19 vaccines and IBD, visit the Foundation's [Covid-19 Information webpage](#). For personalized support, contact the Irwin M. and Suzanne R. Rosenthal IBD Resource Center (IBD Help Center) Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET at:

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