

Bridge Access Program General FAQs

What is CDC's Bridge Access Program?

CDC's Bridge Access Program provides no-cost COVID-19 vaccines to adults without health insurance and adults whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs. No-cost COVID-19 vaccines through this program will be available until December 31, 2024.

What pharmacies are participating in this program?

CDC established new contracts with eTrueNorth/partners (including One Hanson Pharmacy), CVS, Walgreens, and through existing Increasing Community Access to Testing (ICATT) contracts to provide no-cost COVID-19 vaccines.

Why is this Program important?

In Fall 2023, the U.S. Government COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Program will end. CDC's Bridge Access Program is a public-private partnership to help maintain access to no-cost COVID-19 vaccines for adults who are underinsured or uninsured through their local pharmacies, the existing public health infrastructure, and their local health centers.

COVID-19 vaccines are still covered at no cost for most people living in the U.S. through their private health insurance, Medicare and Medicaid plans. However, there are 25-30 million adults without insurance and additional adults whose insurance does not provide no-cost COVID-19 vaccines after these products move onto the commercial market.

Who can get COVID-19 vaccines through this program?

Adults 18 years and older without health insurance can get a no-cost COVID-19 vaccine through the Bridge Access Program. Additionally, adults with health insurance that does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs can access updated COVID-19 vaccines through this program.

Can adults with health insurance that does not cover the entire cost of COVID-19 vaccines get COVID 19 vaccines through this program?

Yes, adults with health insurance that does not cover the entire cost of COVID-19 vaccines can get a no cost COVID-19 vaccine through the Bridge Access Program.

Will children who do not have health insurance be able to get COVID-19 vaccines through this program?

The Bridge Access Program will cover adults without health insurance and adults whose health insurance does not all COVID-19 vaccine costs. Pediatric populations under 19 years of age who do not have insurance or who are members of Federally-recognized Tribes will be covered by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

How does a patient enroll in this program?

<https://www.covidaccess.com>

The Bridge Access Program is designed to remove patient barriers to COVID-19 vaccines. The burden of patient eligibility verification will be on our healthcare systems, not on patients. There is no enrollment process for eligible adults to get no-cost COVID-19 vaccines through

the Bridge Access Program. Providers will ask patients whether they have health insurance at the point of care to determine eligibility.

Will non-COVID-19 vaccines be covered through the Bridge Access Program?

The Bridge Access Program will support only COVID-19 vaccinations and will not provide access to other vaccines routinely recommended for adults, such as flu, pneumonia, and Shingrix. Where can someone get no-cost COVID-19 vaccines through this program? COVID-19 vaccines through this program are available at participating local healthcare providers, local health centers, and pharmacies. Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a provider that offers no-cost COVID-19 vaccines through the Bridge Access Program.

Will the Bridge Access Program cover COVID-19 and flu testing?

The Bridge Access Program does not provide additional funds for COVID-19 or flu testing. No-cost access to COVID-19 and Flu testing will be maintained through current government supplies and manufacturer Patient Assistance Programs.

Will therapeutics be covered by the Bridge Access Program?

The Bridge Access Program does not provide additional funds for COVID-19 therapeutics. No-cost access to therapeutics will be maintained through current government supplies and manufacturer patient assistance programs.

What types of COVID-19 vaccines will be covered by this program?

All CDC-recommended COVID-19 vaccinations will be included in the Bridge Access Program.

How long will no-cost COVID-19 vaccines be available through this program? The Bridge Access Program will provide no-cost COVID-19 vaccines through December 31, 2024.

How can someone get no-cost COVID-19 vaccines after this program ends after December 31, 2024?

The Vaccines for Adults (VFA) program, proposed in the FY 2023 and 2024 Presidential Budget, would be a long-term solution to ensure all adults have access to recommended vaccinations, including COVID-19 vaccines, at no cost to them.

Visit the CDC's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for more information about COVID-19 vaccination and the Bridge Access Program.