

Vaccine Coadministration

Influenza, COVID-19, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccines may be coadministered or given at the same visit. Coadministration of these vaccines might be especially important when the patient has risk factors for severe respiratory illness or if the opportunity to vaccinate the patient with other recommended vaccines is challenging.

Patients should be aware that they may experience more side effects, like fever and fatigue, if multiple vaccines are given together; however, these side effects are generally mild or moderate and only last a day or two.

For patients at high risk of becoming seriously ill from one of these diseases, the benefits of timely protection from coadministration of more than one vaccine likely outweigh the possible risks of increased side effects.

The most important thing is that patients receive all their recommended vaccines in a timely manner to help protect them against these major respiratory diseases this fall and winter.

Points to consider for co-administration of vaccines:

- Is the individual up to date and likely to return for the administration of other vaccines? If not, consider co-administering two or three given their individual needs.
- Is the individual at risk for acquiring vaccine-preventable disease? This risk may influence timing of doses with the potential for co-administration.
- Has the individual experienced reactions to previously administered vaccines? This may impact personal preferences regarding co-administration.
- Personal preference within person-centered care and shared clinical decision-making. For example, the individual may routinely accept co-administration, but this year they have a family event pending and wish to space the vaccines out over two weeks.
- Where on the body to co-administer? The vaccines should be administered in different locations at least 1 inch apart based on the individual's physical condition and specific needs.
- Never combine vaccines into one syringe

Resources:

- [Administering Pneumococcal Vaccines](#)
- [RSV Vaccine Guidance for Older Adults](#)
- [Administering Influenza Vaccines with Other Vaccines](#)
- [ACIP Timing and Spacing Guidelines for Immunization | CDC](#)
- [Vaccine Co-Administration.pdf \(ahcanal.org\)](#)