

2026-2027 COVID-19 Vaccine - Nuvaxovid

(Protein based, non-mRNA)

What is COVID-19?

- COVID-19 viruses are spread when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, sings, or breathes.
- An infected person can spread the virus even if they do not feel sick or have symptoms.
- Symptoms may include cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, tiredness, and loss of smell or taste.

How can I prevent getting or spreading COVID-19?

- Get immunized to protect yourself and others.
- Stay home when you feel sick.
- Clean your hands regularly (use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available).
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

COVID-19 vaccine is especially recommended for:

- Adults who are 65 years of age or older.
- People who live in long-term care homes, personal care homes or other shared living settings.
- People who have health conditions that can increase their risk of severe COVID-19.
- People who are pregnant.
- Health care workers and other people who provide care in health facilities or in the community.

Who can receive Nuvaxovid® COVID-19 vaccine?

- **Individuals 12 years and older until December 31, 2026:**
 - 1 dose at least 8 weeks after the last COVID-19 vaccine dose; or
 - 2 doses 3 weeks apart if you have never been vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Immunocompromised individuals may need additional doses

Who should not get this vaccine?

- Children younger than 12 years old.

Who should delay or avoid COVID-19 vaccination?

- People who are seriously ill, with or without a fever, should delay vaccination until they feel better.
- Individuals who recently had COVID-19 may choose to delay vaccination until they feel better.
- People who have had a serious or anaphylactic reaction to a previous COVID-19 vaccine or any of its ingredients should not be vaccinated until they have been assessed by a physician.

Additional Considerations

- Talk to your healthcare provider before getting a COVID-19 vaccine if you:
 - Are receiving therapy or medication that decreases the immune system.
 - Have a condition where the body's immune system affects the brain, spinal cord, or nerves.
 - Had myocarditis (inflammation of the heart) or pericarditis (inflammation of the heart lining) after a previous COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Had multisystem inflammatory syndrome.

What are possible side effects after getting the vaccine?

- **COVID-19 vaccines are very safe. It is much safer to get the vaccine than to get COVID-19.**
- A person cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.
- Some people may have mild side effects for short time:
 - Pain, redness, swelling, or warmth where the vaccine was given.
 - Trouble moving the arm or leg for a short time because it feels sore.
 - Swollen or tender glands (lymph nodes) under the arm. This usually goes away within 7-10 days.
 - Headache, muscle aches, joint pain, fever, chills, rash, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, or loss of appetite.

Who should you report reactions to?

- If you have concerns about symptoms that you or your child develop after vaccination, call 811. If the vaccine was given by a pharmacist, please consult them first.
- For more information, speak with your healthcare provider, local public health office, or call 811.

Use **Acetaminophen** (all ages; Tylenol®, Tempra®) or **Ibuprofen** (6 months and older; Advil®, Motrin®) to treat fevers and pain. **Never give ASA** (Aspirin®) to children younger than 18 years of age because of the serious risk of Reye's Syndrome.

Rare reactions

- Myocarditis and pericarditis have been reported following NUVAXOVID® administration; however, it cannot be proven that the vaccine caused these events. Seek immediate medical attention or 911 if you or your child develops chest pain, shortness of breath, or a fast, pounding, or irregular heartbeat after vaccination.
- It is important to stay at the clinic for 15 minutes after getting any vaccine because there is an extremely rare possibility of a life-threatening allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. This may include hives, difficulty breathing or swelling of the throat, tongue or lips. This reaction is extremely rare (less than 1 in 1 million people) and can be treated. **If these symptoms happen after you leave the clinic, get medical help right away or call 911.**

Mature Minor Consent

- It is recommended that parents/guardians discuss immunization with their children. While efforts are first made to get parental/guardian consent, youth aged 13 years and older who can understand the benefits and possible side effects of vaccines, as well as the risks of not being immunized, may legally consent to or refuse immunizations in Saskatchewan.

What does Nuvaxovid contain?

NUVAXOVID® contains the recombinant spike protein of the Omicron XFG variant, disodium hydrogen phosphate heptahydrate, hydrochloric acid (for adjustment of pH), polysorbate 80, sodium chloride, sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium hydroxide (for adjustment of pH), water for injection. For the adjuvant: Matrix-M (Quillaja saponaria saponins fraction-A and fraction-C), cholesterol, disodium hydrogen phosphate dihydrate, phosphatidylcholine, potassium chloride, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, sodium chloride. Does not contain latex, preservatives or human-derived materials.

References: [Canadian Immunization Guide](#), product monograph.

Provincial immunization fact sheets are available at www.saskatchewan.ca/immunize.

