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The Columbia County Department of Health is now offering COVID vaccines.

The 2025-2026 COVID vaccine formulation has been updated to a monovalent vaccine based on the Omicron variant sublineage LP.8.1. The product has Biologics License Application approval for use in the following individuals:

- 65 years of age and older, or
- 6 months through 64 years of age with at least one underlying condition that puts them at high risk for severe outcomes from COVID-19 (see Table 1 for complete list)
- Those who self-attest to their moderately or severely immunocompromised status, even without documentation

You can register for a clinic by going to the Columbia County Department of Health website at www.columbiacountynyhealth.com and clicking on the registration link (located under quick links "Schedule an appointment at our flu/COVID or STD clinics") or scanning the QR code and choosing an offered clinic. At this time, there is only one community clinic scheduled (see below). **Pre-registration is required.**

Thursday, October 23

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

AB Shaw Fire House

67 NY-23 Claverack NY
12513



Most insurances are accepted, if you are uninsured or underinsured you may be eligible for a lower fee or no fee for the flu or COVID-19 vaccine. Cash, card or check accepted.

If you have any questions, need help in registering, or do not have access to the internet you can call the Columbia County Department of Health at 518-828-3358 x1256. Please listen for the prompt to leave your name and phone number and a staff member will contact you to complete your registration.



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Table 1: CDC 2025 List of Underlying Medical Conditions That Increase a Person's Risk of Severe COVID-19 ‡

Adults ages 18-64 years at higher risk of exposure (e.g., healthcare workers, congregate care settings)
Adults ages 18-64 who are household contacts of persons at high risk of severe disease
Asthma
Cancer ▪ Hematologic malignancies
Cerebrovascular disease
Chronic kidney disease* ▪ People receiving dialysis^
Chronic lung diseases limited to the following: ▪ Bronchiectasis ▪ COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) ▪ Interstitial lung disease ▪ Pulmonary embolism ▪ Pulmonary hypertension
Chronic liver disease limited to the following: ▪ Cirrhosis ▪ Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease ▪ Alcoholic liver disease ▪ Autoimmune hepatitis
Cystic Fibrosis
Diabetes mellitus, type 1
Diabetes mellitus, type 2*
Disabilities ‡, including Down's syndrome
Epilepsy
Hemophilia
Heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies)
HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)
Mental health conditions limited to the following: ▪ Mood disorders, including depression ▪ Schizophrenia spectrum disorders
Neurologic conditions limited to dementia ‡ and Parkinson's disease
Obesity (BMI ≥ 30 or ≥ 95 th percentile in children)
Overweight (BMI ≥ 25 kg/m ² but < 30 kg/m ²)
Physical inactivity
Pregnancy (pregnant, postpartum, lactating, or planning pregnancy) (See Note)
Primary immunodeficiencies
Sickle cell disease
Smoking, current and former
Substance use disorders
Solid-organ or blood stem-cell transplantation
Tuberculosis
Use of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medications

* Indicates presence of evidence for pregnant and nonpregnant women.

^ Risk may be further increased for people receiving dialysis

‡ Underlying conditions for which there is evidence in pediatric patients.

¥ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Underlying Medical Conditions Associated with Higher Risk for Severe COVID-19. CDC. Published June 11, 2025. Accessed September 4, 2025.

<https://www.cdc.gov/covid/hcp/clinicalcare/underlying-conditions.html>. This resource provides detailed evidence grading for each clinical condition listed in the table.

Note: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends that pregnant, postpartum, lactating individuals, and those planning pregnancy receive updated COVID-19 vaccination.