



Weekly Alert September 12th, 2024

## Public weighs in on updated COVID vaccine

### *Older adults positive; women express safety, effectiveness concerns*

Although 61% of adults surveyed across five states think the benefits of COVID vaccines outweigh the risks, only 36% say they are very likely to take the updated COVID vaccine.

#### **Who is likely to take the updated COVID vaccine?**

Among 585 adults surveyed, 36% reported it was “very likely” and 28% “somewhat likely” that they would take the updated COVID vaccine in the next 6 months; 11% said it was “somewhat unlikely,” 16% “very unlikely,” and 10% were not sure. Among those ages 60 and older, 59% were very likely to take the updated COVID vaccine, compared to just 31% among those 18-29.

#### **Top reasons for not getting the updated vaccine**

Among the 210 survey respondents who were not sure about getting the vaccine or were unlikely or very unlikely to get it, 35% think the vaccine has side effects, 33% aren't worried about getting COVID, 25% don't think the vaccine is safe, 19% don't think the vaccine is effective, and 15% think the vaccine is dangerous.

#### **Women more likely to express vaccine concerns**

Among respondents unsure about or unlikely to take the updated vaccine, women were more likely than men to say they don't think the vaccine is safe (28% vs 18%) or effective (21% vs 12%), and more likely to say they think the vaccine is dangerous (18% vs 10%).

#### **Older adults view COVID vaccines more favorably**

Among respondents ages 50 and older, 79% think the benefits of COVID vaccines outweigh the risks, compared to 54% among those younger than 50. Even among older adults who were unsure about or unlikely to take the updated COVID vaccine, less than 10% expressed concerns about the vaccine's safety, effectiveness, or side effects.

#### **Texas respondents positive about COVID vaccine**

Over half (57%) of Texas adults surveyed think the benefits of COVID vaccines outweigh the risks, and most said they were either very likely (43%) or somewhat likely (32%) to

take the updated COVID vaccine in the next six months. Please share the assets below and encourage Texas residents to discuss the findings.

This week's report is based on responses from a panel of 585 adult residents of Texas (n = 91), St. Louis, MO (n = 142), Omaha, NE (n = 87), Baltimore, MD (n = 128) and Colorado (n = 137) surveyed September 7-9, 2024. Explore these data and more at [iHeard Texas](https://www.iheardtexas.com).

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### Thoughts about the updated COVID vaccine.



**What do Texas residents think about the updated COVID vaccine?**  
**We asked!**



**Do you think the benefits of COVID vaccines outweigh the risks?**

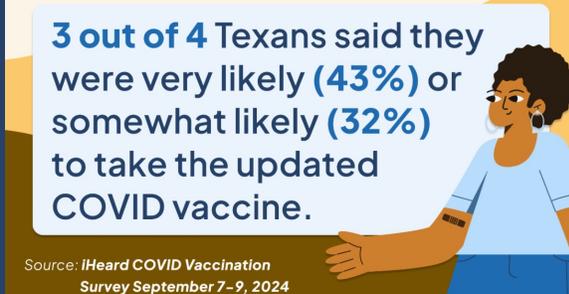
**57%** of Texas adults said yes.

Source: iHeard COVID Vaccination Survey September 7-9, 2024



**How likely are you to take the updated COVID vaccine in the next 6 months?**

**3 out of 4** Texans said they were very likely (**43%**) or somewhat likely (**32%**) to take the updated COVID vaccine.



Source: iHeard COVID Vaccination Survey September 7-9, 2024



**What do YOU think?**  
**Talk about it!**



*Suggested Caption:*

The FDA approved new and updated COVID vaccines for the fall to better protect against current variants. Learn about what Texas residents think about the updated vaccine.

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## Who should get vaccinated?

**COVID vaccination**  
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**Who should get vaccinated?** →

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**Everyone who...**

- is ages 6 months and older
- had their last COVID vaccine dose more than 2 months ago

...should get the 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine

Source: CDC

*Suggested Caption:*

What do Texas residents think about the newly approved, updated COVID vaccine? 57% of Texas adults surveyed think the benefits of COVID vaccines outweigh the risks.

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## COVID Vaccine Fact Sheet

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**Where can I get tested, vaccinated, or treated for COVID-19 in Texas?**

- ✓ Texas.gov COVID-19 website: <https://www.texas.gov/covid19/>
- ✓ Visit local pharmacies like Walgreens, CVS

Visit [www.TestingLocation.cdc.gov](http://www.TestingLocation.cdc.gov)

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Source: CDC, FDA

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