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Off-Label Use of COVID-19 Vaccines was Once Discouraged but Has Become Common amid New Guidelines

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Following the federal government's changes to COVID-19 vaccine eligibility and recommendations in 2025, many people are wondering whether they can get [COVID-19 vaccines for themselves or their children](#).

In May 2025, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration [limited eligibility for updated COVID-19 vaccines to people ages 65 years and up](#) and to those under 65 with a "high-risk" condition. In September, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention adopted an "[individualized decision-making](#)" approach to COVID-19 vaccination instead of broadly recommending the vaccines.

It's not just the public that is confused. Many physicians and pharmacists also have questions about whether and how they can administer COVID-19 vaccines.