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CDC Recommends Two Pneumococcal Vaccines for Adults 65 and Over

There are two vaccines that can prevent pneumococcal disease: PCV13 and PPSV23. The CDC recommends the two pneumococcal vaccines for all adults 65 years or older.

- A dose of PCV13 first, followed by a dose of PPSV23, *at least 1 year later*.
- If one has already received any doses of PPSV23, *the dose of PCV13 should be given at least 1 year after receipt of the most recent PPSV23 dose*.
- If one has already received a dose of PCV13 at a younger age, another dose of PCV13 is not recommended

Who Should Get PCV13?

- All adults 65 years or older
- Adults 19 years or older with certain health conditions

Who Shouldn't Get PCV13?

- Anyone who has ever had a life-threatening allergic reaction to a dose of the vaccine, to an earlier pneumococcal vaccine called PC7 (for Prevnar), or to any vaccine-containing diphtheria toxoid (for example, DTaP), should not get PCV13.
- Anyone with a severe allergy to any component of PCV13 should not get the vaccine.

Who Should Get PPSV23?

- Adults 65 and over
- Adults 19 through 64 years with certain health conditions or who smoke

Who Shouldn't Get PPSV23?

Anyone who has ever had a life-threatening allergic reaction to a dose of PPSV23 or with a severe allergy to any component of the vaccine.

Can Pneumococcal Vaccines Be Given at the Same Time?

No. When both Vaccines are recommended, one should receive a dose of PCV13 first, followed by a dose of PPSV23 at another time.