

COVID Vaccines Guidelines for Patients with MS

Recommendations on timing of vaccines can vary between some of the disease modifying therapies used to treat MS. Below are the timing recommendations for the COVID-19 vaccines based on the MS medication you are being treated with and currently available information. This guidance is based upon the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which are not live viruses. Guidelines may differ for other vaccines, especially if they contain live virus.

| Therapy | Vaccine Timing Recommendation |
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| No Therapy | Anytime |
| Injections | Including (Avonex, Betaseron, Copaxone, Extavia, Glatopa, Glatramer Acetate, Plegridy, Rebif): Can receive the vaccine at any time once available. Kesimpta: Review with your MS healthcare provider to determine best schedule. |
| Oral Therapies | Gilenya: Anytime. Mayzent: Anytime. Tecfidera: Anytime. Aubagio: Anytime. Mavenclad: 3 months after your last treatment. If you are due for your next round of therapy, please contact your MS provider for guidance. |
| Infusion Therapies | Tysabri: No timing modification required; continue with current infusion schedule. Rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The timing of the two vaccine doses would make it so that you would need to go 7 weeks between infusions. Tysabri does not affect the circulating immune system enough that you would need to wait any length of time before or after vaccination to receive Tysabri, or wait any length of time after receiving Tysabri before getting the vaccine. Ocrevus: 3 months after your last treatment. Rituxan: 3 months after your last treatment. Lemtrada: 3 months after your last treatment. If you are due for your next round of therapy, please contact your MS provider for guidance. IV Solumedrol: 3-5 days after your last dose of steroids. |

Note: The above recommendations from your Neurologist are based upon an MS standpoint. If you have other medical conditions, please consult with your primary care provider/other specialists regarding their recommendations.

Some disease modifying therapies may make the vaccine less effective, but it will still provide some protection.