

Who needs an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine?



Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recommending that moderately to severely immunocompromised people receive an additional dose.

This includes people who have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

Third doses can be administered at least 28 days after second doses have been received.

People should talk to their health care provider about their medical condition and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them. At this time, there is no recommendation for additional doses for people who received the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine.

The CDC plans to recommend booster shots for everyone who received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines beginning September 20. Booster doses would be given starting eight months after an individual's second dose. People who were fully vaccinated at the beginning of the vaccination rollout, including nursing home residents, other seniors, and health care providers, will likely be among the first eligible for a booster. More information will be provided as booster vaccines are authorized and the CDC makes its final recommendations.

More information about the COVID-19 vaccine is available at www.snhd.info/covid-vaccine and www.cdc.gov/covidvaccine.