Who is eligible to get a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine?

Moderately to severely immunocompromised people ages 18 years and older who completed their Moderna vaccine primary series should plan to get an additional primary dose 28 days after receiving their second shot. Moderately to severely immunocompromised people ages 5 years and older who completed their Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine primary series should plan to get an additional primary dose 28 days after receiving their second shot.

This includes individuals with the following health conditions or receiving these treatments:

- People undergoing active treatment for cancer or cancers of the blood
- People who have received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- People who have received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- People with moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (e.g., DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- People with advanced or untreated HIV infection
- People who are receiving active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune system

A list of full conditions can be found on the CDC’s website. If you are unsure if you are recommended for a third dose, talk with your health care provider.

At this time, if you received the 1-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine you are not recommended to receive an additional primary dose of the COVID-19 vaccine but are recommended to get a booster shot at least 2 months after their single-dose.

Can I get any type of the COVID-19 vaccine for my third dose?

It is recommended that you receive the same brand of vaccine that you received for your first and second doses, either Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech.

Why do I need a third dose?

Immunocompromised individuals are especially vulnerable to COVID-19, and may not build the same level of immunity to 2-dose vaccine series compared to people who are not immunocompromised.

This additional dose is intended to improve immunocompromised people’s response to their initial vaccine series.

I am immunocompromised, where can I get my third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine?

You can receive the booster dose from a healthcare provider of your choice. You do not need to receive the additional dose from the same location that you received your 2-dose series. To find a vaccination location near you, visit www.vaccines.gov.

ICHD COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic, dates and appointment times, visit: http://hd.ingham.org/coronavirus/r_1013.aspx

For information about the additional dose for immunocompromised individuals, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.

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