

SUPPLEMENTAL THIRD DOSE VS. BOOSTER SHOT

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

SUPPLEMENTAL THIRD DOSE

(28 DAYS AFTER YOUR SECOND DOSE OF AN MRNA COVID-19 VACCINE)

Based on CDC recommendations, third vaccine doses are available now for everyone ages 5 and up who are considered moderately or severely immunocompromised.

At this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is authorized for children ages 5-11.

Immunocompromised individuals include those who:

- Receive active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood.
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system.
- Have either had a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system.
- Were diagnosed with DiGeorge syndrome or Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome.
- Are diagnosed with HIV and have a high viral load or low CD4 count, or are not currently taking medication to treat HIV.
- Are taking drugs such as high-dose steroids or other medications that may cause severe suppression of the immune system.

BOOSTER

(5 MONTHS AFTER LAST PFIZER OR MODERNA VACCINE, 2 MONTHS AFTER J&J/JANSSEN)

The CDC and LDH unequivocally recommends that everyone 12 years old and above receive a booster dose if eligible.

As of March 11, 2022, the CDC issued the following guidance on booster shots:

- If you are 5 months out from your two-dose Pfizer series, individuals 12 and older are recommended to receive a booster shot. Individuals 18 or older may receive either a Pfizer or Moderna booster shot. At this time, only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for ages 12-17.
- If you are 5 months out from your two-dose Moderna series, individuals 18 and older are recommended to receive either a Pfizer or Moderna booster shot.
- Moderately or severely immunocompromised individuals who have completed a primary series of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) are recommended to receive an mRNA booster dose 3 months after the last primary dose.
- If you are 2 months out from your one-dose Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine, individuals 18 and older are recommended to receive either a Pfizer or Moderna booster shot.
- Moderately or severely immunocompromised individuals who have received a single Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine should receive one additional dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine and one booster dose (preferably mRNA) for a total of 3 vaccine doses.

QUESTIONS?

Talk to your healthcare provider or call our vaccine hotline: 1-855-453-0774

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