

Can I get a third dose of Moderna or Pfizer?

It is now recommended that people with certain serious immunocompromising illnesses that finished a two-dose mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series receive a third dose. At this time, this is only for people who received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines for their initial vaccination series. People that received the Johnson and Johnson one-dose vaccine do not get additional doses at this time.

The illnesses that cause moderate to severe immunocompromise and qualify for a 3rd dose include:

- Current cancer treatment for tumors or cancer 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 because of a stem cell transplant.
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (e.g., DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids (i.e., ≥20mg prednisone or equivalent per day),
 or other drugs that may suppress your immune response.

Steps to take to get a third dose at your local health department.

- 1. Look at the list above to see if you may qualify to receive another dose.
- 2. If you are unsure, please talk with your medical provider.
- 3. Call your local health department branch office to schedule an appointment. Our staff will need to ask a few questions to determine eligibility. If you qualify, an appointment will be scheduled.

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