

CDC Announcement August 13, 2021

Media Statement from CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, on Signing the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices'

Recommendation for an Additional Dose of an mRNA Covid-19 Vaccine in Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised People

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0813-additional-mRNA-mrna-dose.html>

Article highlights:

- If you have a moderately to severely compromised immune system – and are fully vaccinated – it is recommended that you get a third dose of the mRNA Covid-19 vaccine.
- Included in the CDC's recommendation are people with a range of conditions, such as recipients of organ or stem cell transplants, people with advanced or untreated HIV infection, active recipients of treatment for cancer, people who are taking medications that weaken the immune system, and others. For a full list of conditions, click [here](#).
- The additional dose should be the SAME VACCINE AS THE INITIAL SERIES and administered at least four weeks after completing the primary vaccine series.
- Even with the third dose on board, immunocompromised people should continue to follow [current preventive measures](#) until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.
- The CDC does not recommend additional doses or booster shots for any other population at this time.