



COVID-19 Vaccine Third Doses for Immunocompromised Populations

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Information Sources: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- On August 13, 2021, the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issued a recommendation for a third dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) for immunocompromised individuals (whether due to a medical condition or receipt of immunosuppressive medications or treatments) who received their second dose at least 28 days earlier.
- Examples of immunocompromised patients/conditions include:
 - Active cancer treatment patient (chemotherapy / radiation)
 - Organ transplant recipient taking immunosuppressant drugs
 - Stem cell transplant recipient in last two years
 - Active recipient of high dose corticosteroids or other immune suppressing drugs
 - Person with advanced or untreated HIV
 - Person with moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency
- An additional dose recommendation has not yet been made for the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine (age 18 and up).
- Kick COVID-19's provider partners immediately notified eligible patients and began scheduling/administering third doses of Pfizer (for age 12 and up) and Moderna (for age 18 and up).
- If you think you are eligible to receive a third dose under this recommendation, speak with your primary care provider. If your primary care provider agrees, but cannot administer the third dose, obtain a prescription, and schedule your third dose with an authorized provider as soon as possible.
- If you live in Lackawanna County and need help planning your third dose, or if you are **medically homebound** and need your third dose delivered, **dial 211**.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can get third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine today?

A third dose of the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines is currently available for moderately or severely immunocompromised people (age 12 and up for Pfizer, age 18 and up for Moderna).

2. Why do immunocompromised people need a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine?

The vaccine must activate your immune system to protect you. In some immunocompromised patients, this ability is impaired, so a third dose can increase the immune response.

3. How soon after completing the second dose can the third dose be given?

The third dose can be given as early as 28 days after the second dose of Moderna or Pfizer.

4. Does the third dose deliver the same amount of vaccine as the first and second doses?

Yes.



5. Are side effects from the third dose similar to the second dose?

Yes, the side effects are very similar to the second dose.

6. If I received one mRNA brand (i.e., Moderna) of vaccine for my first and second doses, can I get the other (i.e., Pfizer) for my third dose?

The other mRNA vaccine may only be substituted if the original brand is not available. If you have it, be sure to bring your CDC vaccine card with you to your appointment.

7. If I received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine, can I get a second dose of an mRNA vaccine?

Not at this time.

8. With flu season approaching, can I receive a flu vaccine at the same time that I receive a COVID-19 vaccine (1st, 2nd, 3rd dose)?

Yes. COVID-19 vaccines can be given on the same day as flu and other vaccines, and should be administered in different limbs, if possible.

9. Will I need to see the same provider who administered my first and second doses for a third dose?

You can make an appointment with any provider that is convenient for you, regardless of whether or not the provider administered your earlier doses. Following are Kick COVID's provider partners in Lackawanna County:

Provider	Address	Phone/Web
Delta Medix, PC	The Marketplace at Steamtown 300 Lackawanna Ave. Ste. 200 Scranton, PA 18503	570-342-7864 www.deltamedix.com
DePietro's Pharmacy	617 3 rd St. Dunmore, PA 18512	570-209-7440 www.depietropharmacy.com
Hometown Health Care of NEPA	921 Drinker Turnpike, Ste. 13 Daleville, PA 18444	570-795-9795 @hometownhealthNEPA on Facebook
Medicap Pharmacy Olyphant	518 Burke Bypass Olyphant, PA 18447	570-383-6700 http://olyphant.medicap.com/

Search for other providers at <https://vaccines.gov>. If you need additional vaccinations at the same time as your COVID shot, be sure to indicate so when making your appointment. Remember to bring your CDC vaccine card to your appointment.