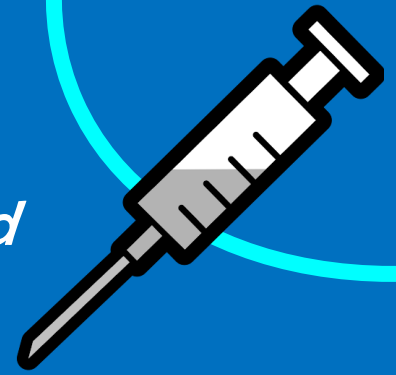




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COVID-19 VACCINE

What is the difference between an additional third dose and a booster dose?



Additional Third Dose

Sometimes, people who are immunocompromised do not build enough (or any) protection when they first get a vaccine. The CDC is recommending immunocompromised people consider receiving an additional (third) dose of an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) at least 28 days after completion of the initial 2 dose series.

This includes those who:

- Have been receiving cancer treatment.
- Have received an organ transplant or stem cell transplant.
- Have moderate or severe immunodeficiency.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html>

Talk to your health care provider about your medical condition to determine if an additional COVID vaccine is right for you. If a third dose is right for you, we recommend you contact your local pharmacy to receive the vaccination.

Booster Dose

“Booster dose” is another dose of the vaccine that is given to someone who has built enough protection after vaccination but then that protection decreases over time.

Currently, the plan is to begin giving booster shots sometime in the fall of 2021. Individuals will be eligible starting 8 months after they received their second dose of mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna). **Implementation of this plan is subject to FDA and ACIP approval.**

For those individuals who received the Johnson & Johnson / Janssen vaccine, there is no recommendation for a booster at this time.

For the latest information on COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccine, please visit: www.sullivanyny.us, or call the COVID information line at 845-292-5910, Option 2.

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