

## DHD#10 OFFERING THIRD PFIZER AND MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE DOSES FOR SOME IMMUNOCOMPROMISED

August 17, 2021 - On Friday, August 13, 2021, the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#), voted to endorse a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for select groups considered moderately or severely immunocompromised. As a result, District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) is now scheduling appointments for third doses of the Pfizer (12 +) and Moderna (18+) COVID-19 vaccine for those that are eligible. At this time, an additional dose of the Johnson & Johnson (Jansen) COVID-19 vaccination is not recommended until further guidance is issued from the FDA and CDC.

Currently, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) is recommending that moderately to severely immunocompromised people receive an additional dose. This includes people who have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers 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
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

The third dose is recommended for the above list of vulnerable people at least 28 days after completing the initial two doses. Also, you should receive the same type of vaccine you received for your initial two doses - so if you originally received two doses of the Pfizer vaccine, you should receive a third dose of Pfizer.

DHD#10 encourages all individuals to consult with their health care provider to ensure a third dose is recommended. Vaccination appointments can be made by visiting [www.dhd10.org/schedule](http://www.dhd10.org/schedule) or calling 888-217-3904.

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