

## **DCHD Statement on Third Dose of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines for Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised Individuals August 16, 2021**

**DuPage County**— The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that people with moderately to severely compromised immune systems receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 28 days after a second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (for persons aged 12 years and older) or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine (for persons aged 18 years and older). At this time, CDC does not recommend additional doses or booster shots for any other population.

Moderately to severely immunocompromised people include those 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

Individuals who believe they are eligible for a third vaccine dose should talk to their healthcare provider about their medical condition, whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them, and appropriate timing of vaccination. To receive a third dose vaccination, individuals should contact their healthcare provider or local pharmacy. **The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) is reviewing CDC information and awaiting further guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) prior to offering third COVID-19 vaccine doses.** DCHD will keep the public informed of any additional information that becomes available.

DCHD continues to urge all eligible residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to protect themselves and others against COVID-19 and the more dangerous Delta variant. COVID-19 vaccines continue to offer the best form of protection against COVID-19 and help prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

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