

# COVID-19 vaccine third dose administration update

Dignity Health Mercy Medical Group (MMG) is currently scheduling COVID-19 vaccine third dose and booster shots based on the below eligibility. As our third dose/booster eligibility expands, we will update this notice. Please check back for updates.

## What you need to know about third doses and boosters (updated Sept 29, 2021):

### Eligibility for vaccination third dose

- **The following pertains to immunocompromised patients who are unlikely to make an antibody response to vaccines (i.e. active cancer patients). This is not to be confused with booster doses.** The CDC recommends a third dose for immunocompromised patients who previously received two doses of mRNA vaccines (Moderna or Pfizer). The third dose should be of the same type of mRNA vaccine used the first two times and should be given at least **1 month** after the second dose was administered. At this time, this guidance is only for those who received an mRNA vaccine, not a Johnson and Johnson vaccine.
- **An immunocompromised patient meets one of the following:**
  - 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 two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system.
  - Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome) or HIV.
  - Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response.

### Eligibility for Pfizer vaccine booster

- The CDC recently recommended a booster dose for previous Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine recipients who are over the age of 65 or over 18 years of age with a high risk for severe illness from COVID-19. The booster dose should be given at least 6 months after completion of the second dose.

### Questions regarding booster or third dose eligibility

- Please visit the [CDC website](#) to check eligibility.

### Scheduling your appointments

- If you are interested in scheduling a third dose as an immunocompromised patient or meet the eligibility for a vaccine booster, **please call us at 916.844.1588 for assistance.**
- We are currently offering third doses and boosters to existing MMG patients.
- Alternatively, you may choose to schedule your Pfizer vaccine through <https://myturn.ca.gov/>

\* Please note that booster doses for non-immunocompromised patients that received Moderna or Johnson and Johnson have not been authorized or recommended at this time.