

People who are immunocompromised are more likely than others to contract COVID-19 and get severely ill from COVID-19. They are also more likely to transmit the virus. Protection is critical for this high-risk group and it's important to know vaccination protocol can vary.

**Immunocompromised people may receive up to four doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.**

The CDC recommends that some people age 5 and older who are [moderately or severely immune compromised](#) and who got an mRNA vaccine as their primary series receive an additional (third) primary dose 28 days after their second dose. This is a total of three doses for the primary series. Five months after the primary series is completed, everyone at least age 12 should get a booster dose for added protection. For vaccination guidance for children ages 5-11 please visit our [Vaccinating Youth webpage](#).

Immune compromised people who received Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine as their primary series should not receive an additional primary dose, but should receive a booster two months after their primary dose of Johnson & Johnson.

As medical providers, public health educators, and support staff it is imperative to understand the vaccine recommendation for this high-risk population. Please encourage your immunocompromised patients or clients to get vaccinated and ensure they complete the entire primary series plus booster.

More information about the COVID-19 vaccine or conditions that qualify an immunocompromised individual to be eligible can be found at:

- CDC: [COVID-19 Vaccines for Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised People](#)
- DOH: [COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit and Resources for Enrolled Providers](#)

Thank you for your attention on this request to best protect your more vulnerable patient populations and keeping them up to date on all eligible vaccines. We appreciate you serving your community's needs.

In partnership,

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