



Update on COVID Vaccinations-Additional Doses

Why do some people need additional doses of vaccine if they are fully vaccinated?

- o Studies have shown that immune protection against infection with the virus that causes COVID-19 may require an additional dose of vaccine, particularly for those with certain medical conditions or taking medications that result in decreased immune function. The CDC recommends that those who are considered moderately or severely immunocompromised receive a third dose of mRNA vaccine (such as Pfizer or Moderna).

Who will need an additional dose?

- o According to HHS, those who are considered moderately or severely immunocompromised who received both doses of an mRNA vaccine (such as Pfizer or Moderna) should plan to receive a booster dose at least 4 weeks after their second dose of vaccine. Look for information from your treating physician, hospital or pharmacy for more information on how to get this dose.

I am not considered immunocompromised- should I seek a 'booster' dose?

- o A recommendation for booster doses (to maintain effectiveness of immunity from vaccination over time) has not yet been published by the CDC for the general population.

If I have not gotten vaccinated yet, is it too late?

- o No, it is not too late, and with kids headed back to school it is important to ensure that everyone who is eligible seeks vaccination. Vaccines are now widely available in the U.S. for those 12 years old and up (Pfizer) and 18 years and up (Moderna and Johnson & Johnson). Many locations are offering same day or walk-in vaccinations.

I already had COVID-19 and I have recovered—do I need to get vaccinated?

- o Yes, the CDC recommends that those who have already had COVID-19 should get a COVID-19 vaccine once they have met the criteria to end isolation, unless they have received certain medications. Please consult your primary care physician for additional information.

I got the Johnson and Johnson vaccine—will I need an additional dose?

- o At this time, a recommendation for additional doses for those who received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine has not yet been published. Global Health Services will update this information when it is available.

Where can I go for additional information?

- o For the latest information about the virus and vaccines go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

- o To find a COVID-19 testing facility near you, go to my.castlighthhealth.com/corona-virus-testing-sites/. You do not need to contact Ford prior to getting tested

Under Ford COVID-19:

- o To read the [COVID-19 Testing and Vaccines Q&A](#), go to @FordOnline and click on the COVID-19 link located in the top blue navigation bar
- o Report a confirmed case of COVID-19 via @FordOnline home page under COVID-19 or the banner on Life@Ford

“Vaccination is our best weapon to protect ourselves, our families and our community against the virus that causes COVID-19.”



Dr. Francesca Litow
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— Research continues to support that vaccines save lives, reduce hospitalizations and serious illnesses due to COVID-19, and reduce the spread of infection.