## COVID-19 VACCINES: Third Dose V. Booster

## THIRD DOSE

(28 days after 2nd Dose)

WHAT? Part of the initial series of doses for certain people

WHY? To give a stronger immune response to the initial series for people whose immune system is weaker

WHEN? At least 28 days after the second dose

WHICH? Pfizer or Moderna vaccines

WHO? People with a moderately or severely compromised immune system, who:

- Have been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Have received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Have received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Have moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Have advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Are undergoing active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response





BOOSTER

(6 months after 2nd Dose)

WHAT? An additional dose at a later date after the first two-dose series is completed

WHY? To BOOST the response in people whose immune response is weakening over time OR people at higher risk due to their work or living situation

WHEN? At least 6 months after the initial two dose series

WHICH? Pfizer vaccine only at the moment

## WHO? People with a moderately or severely compromised immune system, who:

- 65 years and older
- 18+ who have underlying medical conditions, e.g. cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic lung disease, dementia, Down syndrome, heart conditions, HIV infection, immunocompromised, liver disease, overweight/obesity, pregnancy, sickle cell/thalassemia, smoker, solid organ/stem cell transplant, stroke, substance use disorder
- 18+ who work in high-risk settings, e.g. first responders, congregate care staff, education staff, food and agriculture staff, manufacturing staff, corrections workers, USPS workers, public transit workers, grocery store workers
- 18+ who live in high-risk settings, e.g. congregate care settings, long term care settings, correctional facilities