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3rd Dose of COVID-19 Vaccination Now Recommended for Immunocompromised

Individuals who received the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and are moderately to severely immunocompromised may now be eligible to receive an additional dose. Based on recommendations by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration updated the Emergency Use Authorization for both vaccines to allow for the use of an additional dose in some immunocompromised people. More specific information on the immunocompromised conditions can be found on the CDC's website.

In order to increase the body's immune response, it is recommended that the additional dose be administered at least 28 days after completion of and of the same brand of vaccine as the initial two-dose series. If the same brand is unavailable, either the Pfizer or the Moderna can be used.

At this time, it is not recommended that immunocompromised people who were originally vaccinated with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine get an additional dose.

To further protect the immunocompromised, the Jackson County Department of Public Health will be offering 3rd dose vaccines on Tuesday mornings by appointment only. Both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are available. Call 828-587-8289 to schedule an appointment or visit www.myspot.nc.gov to find another vaccine provider.

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