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## **CDC Recommends Additional Vaccine Dose for Certain Immunocompromised Individuals**

Effective August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, CDC now recommends that people whose immune systems are compromised moderately to severely should receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 28 days after the initial 2 doses. People who are moderately to severely immunocompromised are especially vulnerable to COVID-19 because they are more at risk of serious, prolonged illness. Fully vaccinated people with healthy immune systems do not need another dose of COVID-19 vaccine at this time.

People included in this recommendation are those who have:

- Been 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 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

This recommendation only applies to people who have received the 2-dose Moderna or Pfizer vaccines. People should talk to their healthcare provider about their medical condition, and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them.

Henry County Public Health will give booster doses of the Moderna vaccine to adults that fall within the recommendations on a walk-in basis Monday – Friday 8am-3:30pm and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 8am-5:30pm. First doses are available during those times also. Public Health is located at 106 N. Jackson St. in Mt. Pleasant. To find the Pfizer vaccine or for additional vaccine locations search vaccines.gov, text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find locations near you. For more information or if you have questions call Public Health at 319-385-0779 or visit [HealthyHenryCounty.org/covid](http://HealthyHenryCounty.org/covid). Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic.

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