Frequently Asked Questions for 3rd Dose of mRNA Vaccines

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Should everyone receive 3rd dose?
- No, this currently only applies to those individuals who have been identified to meet certain immunocompromised conditions and those who have received a mRNA vaccine.

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What if I received the 1 dose Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) vaccine?
- All individuals over the age of 18 who received the Janssen (J&J) vaccine should receive an additional dose 28 days after initial dose.

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What conditions qualify someone for a third dose?
- In order to determine eligibility for the vaccine, please discuss your health condition with your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Immunocompromised conditions include:
- Active treatment for solid tumor and hematologic malignancies.
- Receipt of solid-organ transplant and taking immunosuppressive therapy.
- Receipt of CAR-T-cell or hematopoietic stem cell transplant (within 2 years of transplantation or taking immunosuppression therapy).
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (e.g., DiGeorge, Wiskott-Aldrich syndromes).
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection.
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids (i.e., $\geq$20mg prednisone or equivalent per day), alkylating agents, antimetabolites, transplant-related immunosuppressive drugs, cancer chemotherapeutic agents classified as severely immunosuppressive, TNF blockers, and other biologic agents that are immunosuppressive or immunomodulatory.

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Should antibody testing be used to determine if a 3rd dose is needed?
- No. Antibody testing is not recommended for vaccine decision-making or to assess immunity following vaccination.

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Where can I find additional information?
COVID-19 Vaccines for Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised People
FDA EUA announcement
ACIP Presentation Slides: August 13, 2021 Meeting
ACIP's General Guidance on Vaccination of the Immunocompromised

3rd doses for IMMUNOCOMPROMIZED are needed NOW
Schedule an appointment to get vaccinated if it is has been at least 28 days since your 2nd dose today.

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