

# COVID-19 Update

## August 16: Vaccine Third Dose Available for Immunocompromised Patients

The CDC now recommends a third dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for individuals whose immune systems are moderately to severely compromised.

Northwestern Medicine will offer the third dose to eligible patients if they:

- Have cancer and are receiving treatment
- Have had an organ transplant
- Underwent CAR-T-cell or stem cell transplant within the last two years
- Are taking medicine to suppress the immune system, such as high dose corticosteroids or biologics that are immunosuppressive
- Have moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency
- Have an advanced or untreated HIV infection

More details will be shared on **Physician Forum** and **NM Interactive** as they are available. Please direct patient inquiries to [nm.org/covid-19](https://nm.org/covid-19) for the most updated information.

Thank you for your dedication to NM's Patients First mission.



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