

### **Third Dose for certain immunocompromised groups**

Island County Public Health is now authorized to administer a third dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines only **for certain immunocompromised groups**. These groups are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19 and may benefit from an additional dose. This includes persons who:

- Are 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
- Have moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Have advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Are receiving active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress the immune response.

**The third dose is not considered a booster dose**, but an additional dose for those who may not have developed adequate immunity with the two-dose series.

- For those patients that received an mRNA vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer), they should get an additional dose at least 28 days after their second dose using the same vaccine brand, if possible. (If the same brand is not available, it is OK to use the other mRNA vaccine brand.)
- For those patients that received the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine, they should **NOT** get an additional dose of Johnson & Johnson or a dose of an mRNA vaccine at this time.
- Persons who are not immunocompromised should **NOT** receive an additional dose of any COVID-19 vaccine at this time.

The Island County Public Health COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics will be providing these third doses for immunocompromised patients pursuant to the FDA/CDC guidelines. Our clinic process requirements will be:

- Present a COVID-19 Vaccination Card (or other proof of vaccination) to verify second dose and to document third dose
- Complete and sign a Third-Dose Attestation Form (available at check-in desk)
- Adhere to all other vaccination processes are still in place (e.g., wear a mask, complete check-in form, waiting period after vaccination, etc.)