



DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.

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To: Marin County Health Providers

Subject: Vaccinations for Severely Immunocompromised People



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This past week, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) extended emergency use authorization (EUA) for COVID-19 vaccines to allow an additional dose of vaccine for moderately or severely immunocompromised people. This decision was recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC recommends an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine for moderately to severely immunocompromised people who have completed a vaccination series with Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna and 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

We encourage all Marin County healthcare providers to reach out to eligible patients to offer third doses, for administration within your settings. However, we recognize not all providers have the capacity to match this increase in demand for timely protection of immunocompromised patients.

In order to ensure your eligible patients have timely access to third doses, Marin County Public Health is offering prioritized access to the Marin Center vaccine clinic on **Saturday, August 21** for Marin County residents who meet the criteria listed above.

Please send eligible patients to register for an appointment at <https://www.mhealthsystem.com/marin>

**This link is for eligible Marin County residents with qualifying immunodeficiencies.** Those seeking a vaccine will need to make an appointment in advance and attest that they are eligible for the vaccine.

The third dose must be administered no sooner than 28 days after the patient's vaccination series was completed. The CDC recommends the same vaccine as previous doses and recipients must be ages 12+ for Pfizer-BioNTech or ages 18+ for Moderna. **Patients who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine are not eligible for an additional dose at this time.**

**Additional Appointment Options:**

If patients cannot attend the August 21 vaccination date, there are additional ways to make an appointment:

- **CVS Pharmacy:** <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>
- **RiteAid Pharmacy:** <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/scheduler>
- **Walgreens Pharmacy:** <https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp>
- **Lucky Pharmacy:** <https://www.luckysupermarkets.com/covid-19-vaccine>
- **Safeway Pharmacy:** <https://www.mhealthappointments.com/covidappt>
- **Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy:** <https://pharmaca.as.me/millvalley>
- **MyTurn:** <https://myturn.ca.gov/>

Sincerely,

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