



TELLER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

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Additional Dose OR Booster Dose? (as of 8/17/2021)

Additional Dose – An additional dose after an initial primary vaccine series is used when the initial immune response following a primary vaccine series is likely to be insufficient. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and CDC have recently recommended an additional dose for those who fit these definitions:

Moderately and severely immunocompromised individuals, currently defined as:

- 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 two years of transplantation of taking immunosuppressive therapy)
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (e.g. DiGeorge, Wiscott-Aldrich syndromes)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids (i.e., ≥ 20 mg prednisone or equivalent per day), alkylating agents, antimetabolites, transplant-related immunosuppressive drugs, cancer chemotherapeutic agents classified as severe immunosuppressive, TNF blockers, and other biologic agents that are immunosuppressive or immunomodulatory

Booster Dose – A dose of vaccine administered when the initial sufficient immune response to a primary vaccine series is likely to have waned over time. A booster dose has not yet been approved by the FDA and is not currently recommended or available at Teller County Public Health & Environment (TCPHE).

TCPHE will offer additional doses once complete guidelines have been established.