The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised (have a weakened immune system) receive 3 doses of a mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine* (Pfizer or Moderna) rather than 2 doses recommended for other people. The 3rd dose is available as early as 28 days from the 2nd dose.

This includes people who have:

- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Alrich syndrome)
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medication to suppress the immune system
- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last two years and are taking medication to suppress the immune system
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress immune response

*Currently, there are no recommendations for an additional dose of the Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine.