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COVID-19 UPDATE – LINCOLN COUNTY, NC

Lincolnton, NC – A third dose of mRNA COVID-19 (Pfizer or Moderna) vaccine is now recommended for moderately and severely immunocompromised people. This priority group consists of patients who self-attest to being moderately to severely immunocompromised. For self-attestation, you should talk to your healthcare provider about your medical condition and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for you. The CDC defines moderately to severely immunocompromised as those who 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

If you received the Pfizer or Moderna series, it is encouraged to receive a third dose from the same manufacturer, however you can receive either Pfizer or Moderna for the third dose. The booster dose for moderately and severely immunocompromised people shall be administered at least 28 days after completion of the initial 2-dose vaccine series.

The Lincoln County Health Department will begin scheduling appointments Thursday, August 19th. To schedule an appointment for a booster dose at the Lincoln County Health Department, please visit <http://www.lincolncounty.org/2355/COVID-19-Vaccination-Information> and click “Schedule an Appointment-Health Department-Lincolnton”. Additional locations can be found at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). For people in the eligible priority group that do not have the means for online scheduling, the health department will reserve an allocation that can be made by phone at 704-479-2206. If you have insurance, please bring your insurance card with you.

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