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Additional COVID-19 Vaccine Now Available Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised Individuals

(Des Moines, IA) – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now recommending an additional COVID-19 vaccine for individuals who are moderately to severely immunocompromised.

Individuals who are moderately to severely immunocompromised may have the following health conditions:

- 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

People should talk to their healthcare provider about their medical condition, and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them. Individuals who are moderately to severely immunocompromised can receive their additional dose at their medical provider's office, local pharmacies and the Polk County Health Department. Individuals who qualify for an additional COVID-19 vaccine need to receive the same type of vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer) they received for doses one and two.

The Polk County Health Department has a call center specifically dedicated to providing assistance to individuals who do not have the ability to access internet or a computer. Our call center team is able to work with individuals who do not speak English. Call center hours are Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

To schedule your additional dose at the Polk County Health Department, please visit <https://www.immunizepolk.com/>.

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The Polk County Health Department strives to create the conditions for all people to live healthy lives by engaging residents, reducing health disparities and attending to the needs of our most vulnerable families.

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