

COVID-19 booster vaccine dose or third primary dose if you are immunosuppressed

Which one do you need?

Booster vaccine

Who is this for?

- ▶ Anyone **aged 16 and over**, and some children **aged 12 to 15**, who have had a 2nd dose of the vaccine at least 3 months ago.
- ▶ **OR** if you are **12 and over** with a weakened immune system and you already had your third dose at least 3 months ago, you will be offered a booster in addition to the three primary doses.
- ▶ A spring booster of the COVID-19 vaccine is available to people **aged 75 and over**, people who live in a care home for older people, or people **aged 12 and over** who have a weakened immune system.

Third primary dose of vaccine for immunosuppressed people

- ▶ Anyone **aged 12 and over** with a **weakened immune system**.
- ▶ A weakened immune system includes those with leukaemia, advanced HIV, receiving chemotherapy and recent organ transplants.

Why?

- ▶ A booster vaccine helps to improve the protection you have from your previous doses.

- ▶ These people may not mount a full response to vaccination and therefore may be less protected than the wider population.

When can I get this?

- ▶ If you had your second dose **at least three months ago**.
- ▶ If you had a third dose, you will be eligible for a booster **three months after your third dose**.

- ▶ People with a weakened immune system should have **three vaccine doses, given eight weeks apart**.
- ▶ The third dose will help give you the same level of protection that most people get from two doses.

How do I book?

- ▶ Through the National Booking System/call 119/ or visit a walk-in clinic.

- ▶ You will receive a letter/text to book your third dose via GP or hospital hub.
- ▶ Or you can visit a walk-in clinic. Please bring your third dose letter with you or a GP referral when you attend.

If you've tested positive for COVID-19, you must wait four weeks (28 days) from the day of the test or onset of symptoms

Which vaccine will I get?

- ▶ Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna
- ▶ This may be different from your first and second doses, but that's fine
- ▶ You may be offered Oxford/AstraZeneca if you cannot have the others.