

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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**Vision:** To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

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## COVID-19 Guidelines, Variants, Vaccines FAQs Updated 08/19/2021

Reminder: COVID-19 remains prevalent in our community. It is important to continue to practice COVID-19 mitigation efforts including staying home when sick, practicing social distancing, washing your hands with soap and water, and wearing a face mask when in an indoor public space.

The COVID-19 vaccine remains the best way to slow down the COVID-9 pandemic. The vaccine is safe and effective and has been proven to reduce serious illness, hospitalization, and death.

### THIRD DOSE INFORMATION

Who can get a third dose of the vaccine?

At this time, those who are moderately to severely immunocompromised are eligible for the third dose. This includes: Those who are received active cancer treatment, organ transplant recipients who take medicine to suppress the immune system, stem cell transplant recipients in the last two years, those with advanced or untreated HIV, those who are on active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other immunosuppressants.

I received a Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Can I receive another dose?

At this time, an additional dose only pertains to Moderna and Pfizer vaccines.

I received two doses of the Pfizer vaccine. Can I receive a third dose of Moderna? (or vice versa)

You should receive the same pharmaceutical as your first and second doses.

I received a Johnson and Johnson vaccine, can I receive a second and third dose of either Moderna or Pfizer?

No. You should receive the same pharmaceutical as your first dose.

When can I get the third dose?

The third dose for all eligible Americans will begin the week of September 20, 2021.

How long do I have to wait between my second and third dose?

You must wait 8 months between your second and third dose.

Is the third dose the same as the first and second dose?

Yes.

Who can get the third dose?

It is anticipated the third dose roll out will be similar to the initial vaccine roll out, with the elderly, healthcare workers, and nursing home residents receiving the third dose first.

Can I sign up now for a third dose?

No.

There was such a high demand for vaccines with some shortages. Will this happen again?

The vaccine is readily available throughout our community and the country. It is not anticipated that there will be a shortage.

Why do I need a third dose?

COVID-19 remains at high transmission. An additional dose helps your immune system maintain the antibodies of the vaccine, giving you continued protection.

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