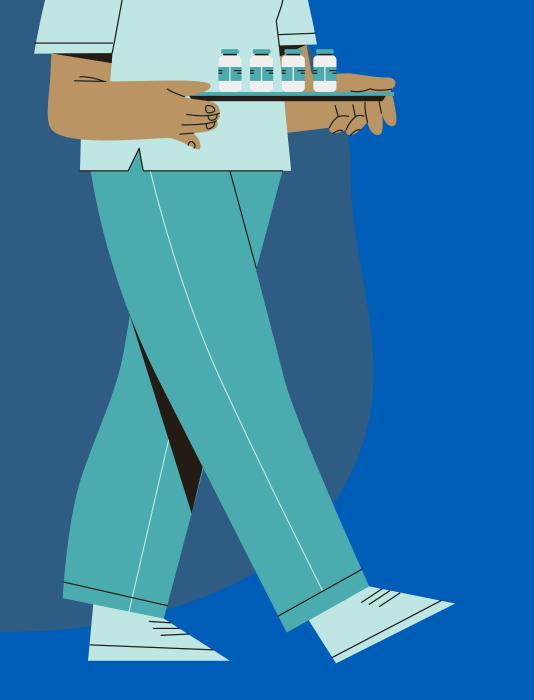


COVID-19 VACCINE

THIRD PRIMARY DOSES FOR IMMUNOSUPPRESSED PATIENTS



Some people who are immunosuppressed due to underlying health conditions or medical treatment may not mount a full immune response to COVID-19 vaccination, and the JCVI recommends a third primary dose to help reduce the risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19



These should be given at least eight weeks after the second dose, taking into account ongoing treatment and individual circumstances

Hospital consultants and GP practices are both identifying patients who need a third dose – **patients who think they are eligible should speak to their consultant**

A third primary dose is different to a booster dose, which is currently recommended by the JCVI for over-50s, clinically vulnerable patients and frontline health and social care workers, six months after the primary course of two or three doses