## COVID-19 Vaccine 3<sup>rd</sup> Dose

A third dose of COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for some people with **compromised immune systems**. Some people do not develop a strong immune response from two doses of vaccine because of the use of certain medications and treatments, as well as some health conditions.

For this group, it takes an additional dose to have a reasonable level of immunity and protection against COVID-19. Studies show that giving a third dose to complete the initial vaccine series can help individuals with compromised immune systems creates a stronger immune response to protect them from COVID-19. Individuals in this group will be invited through the provincial *Get Vaccinated* system to get a third dose of vaccine.

If you are eligible for a third dose, you will receive an invitation by text, email, or phone call through the *Get Vaccinated* system about how and when to book a third dose.

You must wait at least four weeks after your second dose to get your third dose.

People who are not eligible and who did not receive an invitation through the *Get Vaccinated* system will not be able to get a third dose.

If you believe you meet the criteria to get a third dose and have not been contacted by October 8, get in touch with your health care provider. Your health care provider can complete the <u>Attestation Letter</u> to confirm your eligibility for a third dose.

You do **not** need a third dose to be considered fully vaccinated on your BC Vaccine Card.

Find more information about third doses here

Eligibility criteria for a third dose can be found here

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