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MHA Nation,

Hello MHA Nation, hope every one is healthy, staying safe, and continuing Covid-19 prevention measures. Recently we have been receiving a lot of questions regarding the third dose booster for the covid-19 vaccines. At this time The CDC has approved a third dose booster for those who are moderately to severely immunocompromised making them vulnerable to Covid-19.

According to The CDC, this includes people who have:

- 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

Individuals who fall into this category are able to receive the third dose **28 days** after their 2nd dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine. A majority of MHA population has received the Moderna vaccine if you received the vaccine from EMHC Public Health. There is nothing different about the third dose, it will be the same as the first and second dose of the vaccine. EMHC Public Health recommends that you check with your provider prior to receiving the third dose of the vaccine. This is to verify that the vaccine will not interfere with or delay your treatment plan. You are welcome to come to any scheduled vaccine clinic.

The CDC expects to have approval for 3rd dose booster available to the general population in the late fall.

For any questions please call EMHC Public Health 701-627-4750.

Find and sign up for vaccine clinics at <https://www.health.nd.gov/prepmod>

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