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Dear Transplant recipient:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that moderately to severely immunocompromised people who previously received the COVID-19 Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, should receive an additional dose. This recommendation includes organ transplant recipients. UCSF Transplant strongly encourages those who received the mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) COVID-19 vaccine to get an additional dose.

*****Please note. The additional dose of the vaccine must be one administered according to age-eligible requirements. If the transplant recipient is between the ages of 12-17 years old, they should receive the Pfizer vaccine as a third dose. If the transplant recipient is 18 or older, they should receive either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine as a third dose.***

The additional dose should be given at least 4 weeks after the second dose of mRNA vaccine.

Transplant recipients can get the additional vaccine at their local vaccination site. They do not need a note from their transplant provider.

At this time, there is no recommendation from the CDC regarding an additional dose for patients who have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. We are awaiting further information from CDC about patients who have received the J&J vaccine.

Please check our transplant patient website regularly for updates
www.tinyurl.com/txcovidfaq.

You can also check for updates on the CDC patient site:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html>

If you have not yet received an organ transplant, please check with your primary care physician or specialist to see if your medical condition qualifies you for the additional dose of the vaccine.

For more information, please go to our transplant patient website at
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Sincerely,
UCSF Transplant Services