

## Smilow Update: September 3, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

### Third COVID Vaccine Dose

Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale New Haven Health have broadened the eligibility for the third dose of the COVID vaccine for immunocompromised people to align with the recommendations published by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) earlier this week.

Criteria for scheduling now includes:

- A diagnosis of cancer and meet at least one of these criteria:
  - Have received cancer therapy (including chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, immunotherapy, surgery, and/or radiation therapy) for a solid tumor within one year of initial mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series
  - Have a newly diagnosed cancer or recurrent cancer with a treatment plan that will include chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and/or radiation therapy
  - Have a blood cancer diagnosis (for example, leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, myelodysplastic syndrome, chronic myeloproliferative condition)
  - Have received a stem cell transplant or CAR T-cell therapy
- Have received a solid organ transplant (such as a kidney or liver transplant) and are taking immune-suppressing medication
- Have a moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge or Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Have advanced or untreated HIV disease
- Are taking (or was taking at the time of initial mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series) high-dose corticosteroids (at least 20 mg of prednisone daily) or any of the other medications **on this list** that suppress the immune system

Self-scheduling for additional dose appointments is now open online at <https://covidvaccine.ynhh.org/>. If you or patients have questions about the vaccine or need help scheduling vaccination, please call 1-833-ASK-YNHH (275-9644) for assistance.

More information is available for providers by watching the **Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center Town Hall**, and for patients by watching our **Patient and Family Forum** hosted earlier this week.

Best regards,

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