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COLE COUNTY, MO – **COVID-19 Vaccination Information:** The Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine can now be given at least 28 days after the first two doses if the patient has undergone a solid organ transplantation or are diagnosed with conditions that are considered to have an equivalent level of immunocompromised state. For those receiving a third dose, the patient should receive the same vaccine as the first two.

It is estimated 2.7% of the U.S. adult population is considered at this level of an immunocompromised state. Examples of disease states and medications that would qualify include:

- Solid tumor and hematologic malignancies
- Receipt of solid-organ or hematopoietic stem cell transplant
- Severe primary immunodeficiencies
- Persons living with HIV
- Treatment with immunosuppressive medications such as cancer chemotherapeutic agents, TNF blockers, certain biologic agents (e.g. rituximab), and high-dose corticosteroids. Examples of patient diagnoses receiving these medications include multiple sclerosis, colitis, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and psoriasis.
- Chronic Renal disease
- Patients without a spleen

There is no current recommendation for those who have received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. There is no recommendation to give an additional dose or booster shot for any other population at this time.

Capital Region Medical Center, Saint Mary's Hospital, Jefferson City Medical Group, and the Community Health Center of Jefferson City recommend patients contact their physician/provider if they think they have a condition that qualifies for a third shot. All of these medical facilities are able to give first, second, and now third shots. The Cole County Health Department will not be offering booster shots at this time.

Additional information can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html

For more information, please visit the Cole County Health Department's website at www.colehealth.org or follow us on Facebook.

If you have questions, please visit http://www.CDC.gov or www.covidvaccine.mo.gov or call the MDHSS COVID-19 hotline (877)435-8411 to address questions or concerns related to COVID-19.

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