Do I need a third primary dose or a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccination?

Were you taking any of the following medications when you received either of your first two doses of COVID-19 vaccine?

- **Conventional DMARDs**, such as methotrexate, azathioprine, mycophenolate mofetil.
- **Anti-TNF biologics**, such as infliximab, adalimumab, etanercept, golimumab, certolizumab pegol.
- **Other biologics**, such as rituximab, tocilizumab, abatacept, ustekinumab, secukinumab, belimumab.
- **JAK inhibitors**, such as baricitinib, tofacitinib, upadacitinib, filgotinib.
- Prednisolone (steroid tablets) at doses of at least 10mg per day.

**YES**

**You may be eligible to receive a third primary dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.**

It is possible that, due to the medication you were taking, you may not have had a good response from the first two doses, and would benefit from getting a third dose, at least eight weeks after your second dose.

Not all people who have or are currently taking these treatments need to receive a third dose. Your doctor should be able to tell you if you need it based on your medical history.

**NO**

**Are you:**

- **Over 18.**
- **Over 16 and have a condition that puts you at an increased risk from COVID-19 (including lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, or taking treatments which affect the immune system but were not listed in the previous question).**
- **A carer aged 16 and over.**
- **Over 16 and living with someone who is at an increased risk from COVID-19 (such as someone who has lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)?**

**YES**

You are eligible to receive a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

**NO**

You are not currently eligible to receive a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

If you’re unsure about what medication you are taking, or were taking when you received your first two doses, please contact your rheumatology team.

The information provided here about eligibility for a third primary dose is based on recommendations from the British Society for Rheumatology.