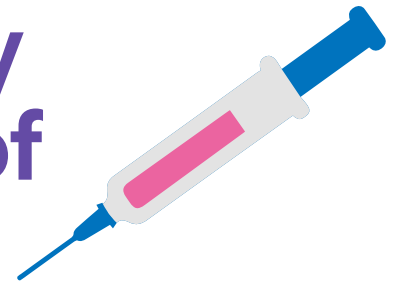


Do I need a third primary dose or a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccination?



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 8 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.

If you do have a third primary dose, you will then be eligible for a booster 3 months after that.

NO

Are you:

Over 16.

Aged 12-15 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).

Aged 12-15 and living with someone who is at an increased risk from COVID-19 (such as someone who has lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)?

YES

You will be eligible to receive a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine 3 months after your second or third primary dose.

NOT SURE

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.

NO

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

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