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## Vaccine 3<sup>rd</sup> Dose Questions:

Will the BOP be giving third doses for staff? Staff who received a Pfizer vaccination series and wish to receive a Pfizer COVID-19 booster vaccination may receive the vaccine from their local institution, if available, or from community resources. Staff who received a Moderna vaccination series and believe they may qualify for a third dose should be referred to their personal health care provider. At this time, there are no additional doses approved for the Janssen vaccine.

Can an immunocompromised staff get a third dose from the BOP? Because the recommendation for third doses of the Moderna vaccine are only for persons with certain medical conditions, the BOP is not providing third dose Moderna vaccinations for staff. Staff that feel that they may qualify for a third dose should discuss with their personal medical providers and, if indicated, should get the vaccine from an outside provider.

Will the BOP be giving third doses for inmates? Inmates who are immunocompromised and received either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine series will be offered a third dose of the same vaccine product as for the first two doses, administered at least 28 days after completion of the initial 2-dose series.

Will the BOP be giving booster doses for inmates? Inmates who are not immunocompromised and received the Pfizer vaccine series will be offered a booster at least 6 months after their second dose.

How do I know if an inmates is due for a booster? The BOP dashboard has been updated to include information regarding booster doses.

How do I know which immunocompromised inmates need a third dose? Refer to the BOP COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance and COVID-19 Vaccine dashboard for a list of qualifications for a booster dose and inmates that meet this criteria.

I have a staff member or inmate who completed their 2-dose series with Pfizer. I only have Moderna on hand, can I give them Moderna for their third dose? No, the CDC states that the same mRNA vaccine as the original series should be used. If that vaccine is not in stock at your institution, it may be requested through the CFAD during your assigned week. If the original product is unknown, either mRNA vaccine may be administered.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose & Booster FAQ

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I have an immunocompromised inmate who received the J&J vaccine. Do they need a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose?

No, additional doses are only approved through the Emergency Use Authorization for persons who previously completed an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna).

If J&J does not require a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, does this mean it's more effective? No, currently there is insufficient data to demonstrate a decreased immune response after J&J vaccine among immunocompromised persons but there is no data to show superiority of J&J vaccine either.

I have an inmate that got the J&J vaccine. She is now requesting an mRNA vaccine because she's afraid the J&J vaccine is not as effective. Can I give her the mRNA series? Can I give her a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of mRNA vaccine? No mRNA vaccines should be given. The EUA does not approve giving an mRNA vaccine after vaccination with J&J. Doing so would be off-label and unauthorized under the terms of the EUA.