

*This is a compilation of Q&A from the trainings that have been held, questions that have come in from COVID19questions@bop.gov, and elsewhere. Questions that are new or updated from previous versions have been **highlighted**.*

Vaccine 3rd Dose and Booster Questions:

NEW Are booster or 3rd doses mandatory? **No, booster and 3rd doses are recommended but not required.**

UPDATED Will the BOP be giving boosters for staff? **Staff who have completed a primary vaccination series, wish to receive a booster vaccination and have met the required time frames per the vaccine EUAs may receive the vaccine from their local institution, if available, or from community resources.**

UPDATED Will the BOP be giving booster doses for inmates? **Inmates who have completed a primary vaccination series, wish to receive a booster vaccination and have met the required time frames per the vaccine EUAs may receive the vaccine from their local institution.**

UPDATED 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 booster? **Yes, per the Pfizer, Moderna and Janssen EUAs, vaccine for booster doses may be “mixed and matched”.**

Can an immunocompromised staff get a third dose from the BOP? **The BOP is not providing third dose vaccinations for staff who believe they are immunocompromised. 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.**

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 third dose and inmates that meet this criteria.**

UPDATED I have an inmate that got the Janssen vaccine. She is now requesting an mRNA vaccine because she’s afraid the Janssen vaccine is not as effective. Can I give her the mRNA series? **Per the Janssen EUA, if it has been at least 2 months since the primary Janssen vaccine, the inmate may get a booster dose of any of the three available vaccines.**

NEW Since the Moderna booster dose is only 0.25mLs, can the CFAD ship me 1 mL syringes rather than 3mL? The CFAD will ship the syringes they receive in the vaccine auxiliary kits which may include additional 1 mL syringes. When possible, please use 3 mL syringes for extraction of primary series doses to ensure you have an adequate supply of 1 mL syringes to support extraction of booster doses from a Moderna vial. Do not puncture the vial stopper more than 20 times. If any additional syringes are needed, the institution will need to provide these.