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COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Available from Texas Tech Physicians

In accordance with recent recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Texas Tech Physicians in Amarillo will be providing a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to individuals with certain health characteristics who are current patients of Texas Tech Physicians in Amarillo. CDC recommends that people with moderately to severely compromised immune systems receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 28 days after a second dose of [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine](#) or [Moderna COVID-19 vaccine](#).

CDC does not recommend additional doses or booster shots for any other population at this time. Third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are not available to those people outside certain health conditions at this time. Texas Tech Physicians will provide additional third-shot vaccination information when it becomes available.

If a person is not a patient of Texas Tech Physicians but still qualifies for the third dose under new CDC guidelines, that person should visit the city of Amarillo department of public health (APHD). APHD is offering third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a walk-in clinic at the building next to the APHD main building at 850 Martin Road.

If a person received a first and second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine during a Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center vaccine clinic, but is not a Texas Tech Physicians patient, that person can visit the APHD clinic or a primary health care provider.

The CDC recommends a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for moderately to severely immunocompromised people. This includes people who have been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood, received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system, received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system. This also includes those with moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome), advanced or untreated HIV infection and those



receiving active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress the immune response.

People should talk to their health care providers about their medical conditions to determine if getting an additional dose is appropriate for them.

Currently, first and second doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are available by appointment at Texas Tech Physicians, located at 1400 South Coulter, through the Pharmaceutical Care Center on the first floor of the School of Medicine building: (806) 414-9390, Family Medicine Clinic: (806) 414-9559 and Internal Medicine Clinic (806) 414-9100.