

Press Release

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HEADLINE: Pfizer Vaccine Walk-in Clinic Monday for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Dose for

Immunocompromised Individuals

Lewiston, Idaho – Public Health – Idaho North Central District is having a walk-in clinic Monday, August, 30, 2021 for individuals who wish to receive the Pfizer vaccine for COVID-19. The Pfizer vaccine is for persons 12 years or older.

Walk-in Clinic Hours for Monday at Public Health- Idaho North Central District at 215 10th Street, Lewiston:

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A third dose of the **Pfizer** COVID-19 vaccine has been <u>authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)</u> and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for those with weakened immune systems.

Public Health encourages those with weakened immune systems who have already received two doses of the Pfizer mRNA COVID-19 vaccine to follow the recommendation and get an extra dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 28 days after their second dose.

Currently, CDC is recommending that <u>moderately to severely immunocompromised</u> people receive an additional dose. 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 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

People should talk to their healthcare provider about their medical condition, and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them. A patient's clinical team is best positioned to determine the degree of immune compromise and appropriate timing of vaccination. The CDC has issued guidance for healthcare providers and the 3rd dose for immunocompromised patients does not require a physician order, vaccine eligibility will be on the "honor" system/ "self-attestation".

Public Health will request that individuals "self-attest" that they have one of the above immunocompromising conditions to receive their third dose. The health district also asks that individuals bring proof of their prior vaccination to their third dose appointment. Individuals under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a guardian.

For more information about the novel coronavirus please visit https://idahopublichealth.com/district-2/novel-coronavirus or call our Public Health Hotline at 1-866-736-6632.