

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR HEALTH/COVID-19

Dear Patient,

The dermatology team in Leeds has been asked to identify patients at high risk of infection with COVID-19 and to update you that you may be eligible for an extra dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in light of the latest advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

We ask you to please read this letter carefully and if you meet the criteria at the end of this letter to complete the [Dermatology - 3rd Dose COVID Vaccine immunosuppressed patient submission form](#) on the Leeds Teaching hospitals website which can be found using this web link

<https://www.leedsth.nhs.uk/a-z-of-services/dermatology/covid-19/>

You have until 24/10/2021 to complete this electronic form.

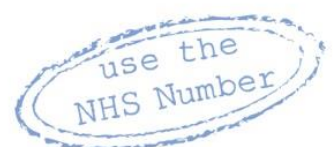
If you **do not** meet the criteria of an immunosuppressed patient at the end of this letter, you do not need to take any further action (from the perspective of the LTHT dermatology service) in obtaining a 3rd dose covid-19 vaccination.

The advice recommends that a third dose is given for individuals aged 12 and over with immunosuppression. Details of who is considered immunosuppressed are outlined below. This is being advised as a precautionary measure to increase your immunity level and provide a better vaccine response. It is part of your primary course of vaccination and is separate to a booster vaccination, which you will likely become eligible for in six months' time, pending further advice.

Please be aware that this work is being undertaken in the context of standard clinical work and the on-going restrictions and challenges associated with the pandemic. We will do our best to address your query in a timely manner. Thank you for your patience, understanding and co-operation.

On completion of [Dermatology - 3rd Dose COVID Vaccine immunosuppressed patient submission form](#), we will send you a letter in the post to advise of the next steps you should take to obtain your 3rd dose of the covid-19 vaccine.

Kind regards,
The LTHT Dermatology Team



Who is immunosuppressed?...

Individuals with chronic immune-mediated inflammatory disease who were receiving or had received immunosuppressive therapy prior to vaccination including:

- high-dose corticosteroids (equivalent to ≥ 20 mg prednisolone per day) for more than 10 days in the previous month
- long-term moderate dose corticosteroids (equivalent to ≥ 10 mg prednisolone per day for more than 4 weeks) in the previous 3 months
- oral immune modulating drugs including as methotrexate >20 mg per week (oral and subcutaneous), azathioprine, mycophenolate, baricitinib, or abroctinib.
- combination therapies including those on ≥ 7.5 mg prednisolone per day in combination with other drugs including methotrexate, azathioprine or mycophenolate mofetil at any dose.
- Any of the following biologics including etanercept, adalimumab, infliximab, certolizumab, secukinumab, ixekizumab, brodalumab, ustekinumab, guselkumab, risankizumab, tildrakizumab, dupilumab.
- Rituximab or cyclophosphamide within the preceding 6 months

If you are unsure please contact your consultant for further information.

If you meet any of the criteria detailed above, complete the

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