



August 16, 2021

To Our Residents, and their Families and Friends,

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has amended the emergency use authorizations for both the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to allow for the use of an additional dose in certain immunocompromised individuals. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) followed the authorization with a [recommendation](#) that an additional dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (i.e., Pfizer or Moderna), after an initial two-dose primary mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series, be considered for people with moderate to severe immune compromise due to a medical condition or receipt of immunosuppressive medications or treatments. These conditions and treatments include but are not limited to:

- Active treatment for solid tumor and hematologic malignancies
- Receipt of solid-organ transplant and taking immunosuppressive therapy
- Receipt of CAR-T-cell or hematopoietic stem cell transplant (within two years of transplantation or taking immunosuppression therapy)
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (e.g., DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids (i.e., ≥ 20 mg prednisone or equivalent per day), and other biologic agents that are immunosuppressive or immunomodulatory.

While the CDC has authorized a third dose for this specific population, individuals only need two doses of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine to be considered fully vaccinated. Additional doses for people who have received the Janssen (J&J) vaccine are **not** recommended at this time. **Elderly nursing home residents that don't meet the immunocompromised eligibility criteria, do NOT need a third dose at this time. Based on our initial analysis, we anticipate less than 5 residents in each facility are appropriate for this third dose. Rest assured, someone from our clinical team will contact any current resident and/or that resident's primary contact if known conditions and treatment indicate a third dose.**

As it pertains to obtaining proof of your vaccination that was administered at Hillcrest:

- (a) **if you were vaccinated at Hillcrest between December 29, 2020 and March 1, 2021**, you received your vaccine from CVS at Hillcrest, and you may retrieve your record through the CVS app or at cvs.com. You may also visit CVS, where a pharmacy team member should be able to print a record for you.
- (b) **if you were vaccinated at Hillcrest on March 24, 2021 or after**, you received your vaccine directly from Hillcrest and you may call (888) 675-4567 to request a duplicate record. Call Monday through Friday 7am – 7pm and Weekends 8am – 4pm, and press 0 to speak to a representative. This process may take days so please plan accordingly.

Please reach out to us directly if you have any questions. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

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