

Dear Residents

The communication Garry Reed sent out on Friday regarding booster COVID-19 vaccination shots refers. We are also aware that there are immuno-compromised Evergreen residents who have received emails from their medical aids stating that they are eligible for Pfizer boosters now.

Individuals with a compromised immune system are not only vulnerable to COVID-19, but also may have a reduced immune response to COVID-19 vaccines.

The following individuals are considered to be immunocompromised with these conditions: Malignancies, Significant immunodeficiency disorders, HIV (CD4 < 200), Absent or non-functional spleen, Conditions on high dose steroids, Renal dialysis, transplant recipients.

Such an immunocompromised individual who has received **two doses of the Comirnaty® (Pfizer) vaccine must receive a third dose of Comirnaty® (Pfizer) vaccine**; an individual who has received **the one dose Covid Vaccine Janssen® (J&J) schedule should receive a second dose of the Janssen® vaccine**.

It is recommended that the additional dose be **given between one and three months after the previous dose** with the recommended period being at the discretion of the referring clinician.

Process for accessing an additional dose

1. **Additional doses must be prescribed by a doctor** who must **complete the referral form** that is contained in Annexure A.
2. Immunocompromised individuals can **register for an additional vaccination dose on the EVDS Registration Portal** (<https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za>) by selecting the relevant button on the landing page. **The individual should use the same identity number used for EVDS registration, and answer the Yes/No questions presented.**
3. Upon successful registration, **an SMS will be sent to the mobile number**. The vaccination code for these doses will start with the prefix AD-IC-XXXXXXX.
4. The individual should **present with the completed referral letter or an equivalent letter issued by their medical scheme** at a vaccination site.
5. The additional dose will be recorded on the EVDS and on the vaccine certificate.
6. If on Discovery -the link is <https://www.discovery.co.za/portal/corporate/vaccination-sites>.
7. Mediclinic is on <https://vaccinationbookings.mediclinic.co.za/>. You need to follow the instructions in your medical aid communication in order to book and obtain the vaccine.
8. Details to follow about Evergreen Health vaccination options.
9. In the interim get Annexure A completed by your doctor.
10. The form will be kept on record at the vaccination site.