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Montgomery County Public Health would like to provide clarification on:

COVID-19 Additional Dose vs Booster Shots

We will be following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on COVID-19 additional dose and booster shots. Booster shots are not available yet, but we'll update you when we have more information about where and when you can get one.

Additional Dose

- **Additional Dose** – is a third dose of the vaccine you previously received and is recommended for moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals; either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. You should get your third dose at least 28 days after your second dose.
- It's designed for people who may not have had a strong enough immune response from the first 2 doses and fall into one of these categories:
 - You currently receive cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
 - You have advanced HIV (meaning you have a low CD4 cell count) or you have HIV and aren't on treatment at this time
 - You received an organ transplant and take medicine to suppress your immune system
 - You received a stem cell transplant within the past 2 years or are taking post-transplant medicine to suppress your immune system
 - A health care provider has diagnosed you with a moderate-to-severe primary immunodeficiency (like DiGeorge or Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
 - You currently take high-dose corticosteroids or other medicines that may suppress your immune system

* If your condition or medication isn't on this list and you think you have a moderately to severely weakened immune system, contact your health care provider.

Booster Shots

- **Booster Shot** – is designed for all other individuals and will be recommended 8 months after you received your second dose; either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

* If you received the Janssen (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine, the CDC does not recommend another dose at this time.

Please call Montgomery County Public Health 518-853-3531 if you are interested in being placed on a list for an additional dose or booster shot.