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Dear Alaska clinicians and vaccine providers,

On Friday, CDC's independent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended that people with moderately to severely compromised immune systems receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine following their initial 2-dose vaccination series. The CDC has accepted those [recommendations](#). Please note that this is an additional dose in the series, and not considered a booster dose.

For answers to some commonly asked questions/key points on this topic, please see the [Key Messages](#) to help with communications around this update.

Below is a list of resources related to the recommendation:

- [Updated Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#)
- New [web page](#) for consumers
- New [web page](#) for healthcare providers

Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop this pandemic. As we see an increase of the delta variant in Alaska, an additional dose could help prevent serious and possibly life-threatening COVID-19 cases within this population. It's important to note that CDC does not recommend additional doses or booster shots for any other population at this time. Vaccine providers should administer vaccine in accordance with the [updated EUAs](#) per the [COVID-19 vaccine provider agreement](#).

It's important to note that individuals can self-attest and receive the additional dose wherever vaccines are offered. People with moderately to severely compromised immune systems are not required to submit proof of their condition. This will help ensure there are not additional barriers to access for this vulnerable population receiving a needed additional dose.

Thank you for everything that you have done and are continuing to do to ensure everyone has access to COVID-19 vaccines.

Sincerely,

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Anne Zink, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services