Dear Patients,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that moderately to severely immunocompromised people, including organ transplant recipients, who previously received the COVID-19 Pfizer or Moderna vaccine receive an additional dose. UCSF Transplant strongly encourages those who received the mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) COVID-19 vaccine to get an additional dose.

The additional dose should be given at least 4 weeks after the second dose of mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) and be the same vaccine used for the initial doses if available. If the vaccine product given for the first two doses is not available or is unknown, either mRNA COVID-19 vaccine product may be administered.

Transplant recipients can get the additional vaccine at their local vaccination site. They do not need a note from their transplant provider.

At this time, there is no recommendation from the CDC regarding an additional dose for patients who have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. We are awaiting further information from CDC about patients who have received the J&J vaccine. Please check our transplant patient website regularly for updates www.tinyurl.com/txcovidfaq. You can also check for updates on the CDC patient site https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html

If you have not yet received an organ transplant, please check with your primary care physician or specialist to see if your medical condition qualifies you for the additional dose of the vaccine.

For more information, please go to our transplant patient website at www.tinyurl.com/txcovidfaq.

Sincerely,
UCSF Transplant Services