

## **COVID Booster Recommendation**

<u>Joint Statement from HHS Public Health and Medical Experts on COVID-19 Booster Shots | CDC Online Newsroom | CDC</u>

The Sjögren's Foundation COVID Vaccination Committee concurs with the August 18 announcement by U.S. government health officials recommending all Americans, including all Sjögren's patients, obtain a booster COVID immunization 8 months following the 2<sup>nd</sup> mRNA COVID vaccination. For those who received a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose vaccination, new guidance will likely be announced, so watch for news of this guidance from the Sjögren's Foundation.

We emphasize that this recommendation only applies when the FDA has officially sanctioned the safety of the mRNA vaccinations and the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has officially issued its booster dose recommendations. Boosters are expected to become available starting September 20.

Boosters for those who received the J&J COVID vaccination most likely will be recommended, but data analysis has not been completed. The Sjögren's Foundation will let its members know when a recommendation issued on the J&J vaccination.

Please encourage anyone in your family and community who has not yet received a COVID vaccination to do so as soon as possible for their own protection and for the protection of others.

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