

Transplant Recipient: COVID-19 Vaccine Q & A

Q: I received two doses of the vaccine and I'm still not showing an antibody response. Does this mean I'm not protected? What should I do?

A: You may have reduced protection against the virus that causes COVID, although there are other types of immunity in addition to antibody levels that a vaccine can produce. Please contact your transplant center for specific recommendations.

Q: How do I get tested for antibodies?

A: Your transplant center can test you as can local hospitals. Please contact your transplant center for specific recommendations.

Q: How should I protect myself? Is there anything that I should avoid doing?

A: Some transplant centers recommend that all household members of a transplant patient should be sure to get vaccinated. Transplant patients may need to continue to wear masks and social distance until more is known about vaccinations in transplant recipients. Please contact your transplant center for specific recommendations.

Q: I read that France is giving a third shot to solid organ transplant patients. Will we do that here?

A: Some transplant centers are considering this option. Please contact your transplant center for specific recommendations.

Q: Are any of the available vaccines more effective than the others for transplant patients?

A: This question is being evaluated but, as of now, no differences are apparent. Please contact your transplant center for specific recommendations.