

# COVID-19 Vaccine and Kidney Transplant Patients

## When can I get the COVID-19 Vaccine?

- If you are a kidney transplant recipient, we ask that you wait three months after your transplant date to receive any vaccines. Please contact the Transplant Center if you have questions.
- Effective March 2021, the Transplant Center requires all pre-transplant patients to get the COVID-19 vaccine. If you have not received your first dose, we ask you to do this as soon as possible.
- If you have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, we encourage you to receive a third dose. You must wait four weeks after your second dose before you receive a third dose.
- If you had COVID-19 and received monoclonal antibody treatment or convalescent plasma, the CDC recommends waiting three months after treatment to receive the vaccine.
- If you had COVID-19 and did not receive monoclonal antibody treatment or convalescent plasma, you should wait until you have fully recovered and are fever free before you get the vaccine.
- You can get the COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other vaccines (flu, shingrix, etc.) as long as you receive the vaccines in different sites.

## Infection and Vaccines

- If you had an infection but are off antibiotics, feel well and are fever free, it is ok to receive vaccinations approved by your physicians.
- If you are diagnosed with COVID-19, you can receive monoclonal antibody treatment ideally within 24-48 hours of diagnosis or within 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Your primary care provider can help arrange the infusions. (If you are having difficulty, please call the Transplant Center).

## Transplant Rejection and Vaccinations

- If you have been treated with Thymoglobulin and/or Rituximab, please wait three months to receive vaccinations.
- If you were treated with steroids only (solumedrol or prednisone), please wait one month to receive any vaccination.

Please send a message through  
MyChart or call the Transplant Center  
at (515) 241-4044 with any questions.



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