Ref:

**Hospital name**

 **Hospital address**

**Telephone number**

Consultant Team:

**Name of GP**

Address GP practice1

Address 2

Address 3

City Postcode

Date:

Dear GP (insert name)

**Pt details here**

**RE: New JCVI advice on a third primary vaccine dose for ≥12 year old patients with severe immunosuppression published on 1 Sept 2021**

The above patient has been identified by our healthcare team as meeting the criteria to be offered a 3rd primary dose of COVID 19 vaccine as set out by the recent JCVI guidance published on 1st September 2021.

Please see link below for further information:<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/third-primary-covid-19-vaccine-dose-for-people-who-are-immunosuppressed-jcvi-advice/joint-committee-on-vaccination-and-immunisation-jcvi-advice-on-third-primary-dose-vaccination>

This patients 3rd jab can be given at any suitable time as long as it is > 8 weeks after their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine. JCVI have advised a preference for mRNA vaccines for the third primary dose, with the option of the AstraZeneca Vaxzevria vaccine for individuals who have received this vaccine previously where this would facilitate delivery.

Please accept this letter as proof of their eligibility status to receive a third dose due to their immunosuppressed status. We would be grateful if this patient could be added to your list of patients who should be offered it when available. We have sent a copy of this letter to the patient so they are aware they should be offered a 3rd primary dose.

Yours sincerely,

**Name**

Position

CC – patient address

**For the attention of the patient:**

We are writing to let you know that you are now eligible for an extra dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in light of the latest advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). The advice recommends that a third dose is given for individuals aged 12 and over with immunosuppression and you are eligible within this category given your current health condition.

This is being advised as a precautionary measure to increase your immunity level and provide a better vaccine response, based on studies and experience with other vaccines. It is part of your primary course of vaccination and is separate to a booster vaccination, which you will likely become eligible for in six months’ time, pending further advice.

We recommend you contact your GP to discuss the optimal timing to receive your vaccination, which must be at least 8 weeks after your second dose. Your GP will advise you how you can book an appointment to receive your third dose, which may be at your local Primary Care Network or at another site they direct you to.