

# KIDNEY PATIENTS' COVID-19 SPRING BOOSTER GUIDE



Who	Groups	Spring Booster	When & How
Adults aged 75 and over	All	✓	Ideally 6 months after last Covid-19 vaccination (minimum 3 months). Spring booster campaign ends 30 June.
Adults turning 75 in April-June 2023	All	✓	
Adults/children aged 16-74	Immunosuppressed individuals including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transplant recipients</li> <li>• Those receiving immunosuppressive biological therapies such as rituximab</li> <li>• Those treated with systemic steroids for more than a month e.g prednisolone &gt;20mg</li> <li>• Those on immunosuppressive therapy for conditions such as lupus</li> </ul>	✓	England – starting from 17 April (3 April for care homes). <b>Book online</b> , phone 119 or find a <b>walk-in clinic</b> . It may help to take proof of your immunosuppressed status such as an NHS letter.
Children aged 5-15	Immunosuppressed individuals including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transplant recipients</li> <li>• Those receiving immunosuppressive biological therapies</li> <li>• Those treated with high or moderate dose steroids</li> <li>• Those with auto-immune diseases requiring immunosuppressive treatments</li> </ul>	✓	Wales – starting 1 April. Wait to be invited.  Scotland – starting 11 April. Wait to be invited, <b>book online</b> or phone 0800 030 8013.  Northern Ireland – starting mid-April. Wait to be invited or visit a participating community pharmacy.
All	Dialysis patients or with CKD stages 1-5	✗	
All	Household contacts of an immunosuppressed person	✗	

Being fully vaccinated can reduce your risk of becoming seriously ill, hospitalisation or death from Covid-19. Recent evidence from the MELODY study shows the importance of booster vaccinations in immunosuppressed people.

Full definitions of immunosuppression are in the Green Book, Chapter 14a, Table 3 (ages 16 and over) and Table 4 (ages 5-15).

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