## Kidney Patients' COVID-19 Spring Booster Guide

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).

### When & How

- **Ideally 6 months after last Covid-19 vaccination (minimum 3 months). Spring booster campaign ends 30 June.**
- **England – starting from 17 April (3 April for care homes). Book online, phone 119 or find a walk-in clinic. It may help to take proof of your immunosuppressed status such as an NHS letter.**
- **Wales – starting 1 April. Wait to be invited.**
- **Scotland – starting 11 April. Wait to be invited, book online or phone 0800 030 8013.**
- **Northern Ireland – starting mid-April. Wait to be invited or visit a participating community pharmacy.**

### Groups

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| Adults/children aged 16-74 | Immunosuppressed individuals including:  
· Transplant recipients  
· Those receiving immunosuppressive biological therapies such as rituximab  
· Those treated with systemic steroids for more than a month e.g prednisolone >20mg  
· Those on immunosuppressive therapy for conditions such as lupus | ✓ | Wales – starting 1 April. Wait to be invited. |
| Children aged 5-15 | Immunosuppressed individuals including:  
· Transplant recipients  
· Those receiving immunosuppressive biological therapies  
· Those treated with high or moderate dose steroids  
· Those with auto-immune diseases requiring immunosuppressive treatments | ✓ | Scotland – starting 11 April. Wait to be invited, book online or phone 0800 030 8013. |
| All | Dialysis patients or with CKD stages 1-5 | ✗ | Northern Ireland – starting mid-April. Wait to be invited or visit a participating community pharmacy. |
| All | Household contacts of an immunosuppressed person | ✗ | |

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**Protect Yourself • Stay Cautious • Seek Advice**

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