



## Guidance Note 3

# Guidance on Management of Repeat Primary Course COVID-19 Vaccination for Clinical Reasons

Please refer to:

NIO: [Process when a Client requires repeat Primary Care Course Vaccination for clinical reasons for COVID-19](#)

NIAC: [NIAC Immunisation Guidelines](#)

The National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) advise haematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) recipients should be viewed as “never immunised” and require re-immunisation post-transplant because pre-transplant ablation of haematopoietic cells in the bone marrow eliminates immune memory.

People who have received a HSCT are immunocompromised.

It is important that the treating clinician confirms with the client that the appropriate time has elapsed between their HCST and re-vaccination. They should also confirm if two or three doses of COVID-19 vaccine are required to complete their primary course (see NIAC Chapter 5a).

When client requires repeat primary course COVID-19 vaccination for clinical reasons:

Client can be facilitated by the HSE vaccination team at one of the HSE clinics or with a home vaccination.

- Details of clients requiring post HSCT COVID-19 Vaccination will be notified to HSELive team for vaccination.  
OR
- Client can call HSELive directly on 1800 700 700 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm) to request repeat Primary Course vaccination. It is important to specify that it is for re-immunisation post-transplant.  
OR
- GP or Pharmacist can contact HSELive DQ support team on 01 240 8786 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) on behalf of the client, providing client details (name and contact number for call back) where the client has provided permission. Please ensure to provide details of recommended vaccination schedule.
- HSELive team will follow up directly with the client, to facilitate suitable option for vaccination, and vaccination will be arranged by the local HSE COVID-19 vaccination team.