

# Third Primary Dose Consult COVID-19



A programme by **WellSouth**

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## Intended Purpose

Individuals who are severely immunocompromised are at higher risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19 and might not produce a sufficiently strong immune response after two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. A third primary dose may be beneficial, this dose is optional but recommended.

**HealthPathways Link:** <https://southern.communityhealthpathways.org>

## Eligibility

The eligibility criteria only applies to people who are severely immunocompromised.

- Individuals with primary or acquired immunodeficiency states at the time of vaccination;
- Individuals on, or recently on immunosuppressive therapy at the time of vaccination;
- Individuals with chronic immune-mediated inflammatory disease who were receiving or had received immunosuppressive therapy prior to vaccination;
- Individuals receiving long-term haemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis.

See [Ministry of Health](#) for a more details, this list is not exhaustive but provides guidance. Clinicians may use their judgement for conditions or medications that are not listed that are associated with severe immunocompromise.

## Exclusions

- Not eligible for a GMS Clawback.
- Claiming is limited to one type of claim per person, per day, per practice.
- No simultaneous claiming against other funding streams.

## Key Information

- The third primary dose is available by prescription only and this must be provided by an authorised prescriber who has received informed, preferably written, consent.
- This third primary dose should be given 8 weeks after the second dose, but may be given 4 weeks after, depending on current or planned immunosuppressive therapies.

## Claiming

Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal.



## Service codes for your PMS

Service codes for your PMS—please set these up prior to using the programme.

Code	Amount (incl. GST)	Description
COVTAV	\$138.00 (Complex)	COVID 3rd Accepted (In-person)
COVTVC	\$69.00 (Standard)	COVID 3rd Accepted (Virtual)
COVTDV	\$69.00	COVID 3rd Declined
COVTNE	\$69.00	COVID 3rd Ineligible

## Payment Rates (excl. GST)

\$120.00 +GST	Accepted Signed Consent & Prescription Issued—Complex (In-Person Assessment)
\$60.00 +GST	Accepted Signed Consent & Prescription Issued—Standard (Virtual Assessment)
\$60.00 +GST	Patient Declined Third Dose
\$60.00 +GST	Patient Not Eligible for Third Dose

## Can a co-payment be charged?

No co-payment can be charged.

## When does the claim need to be completed?

Claiming must be made within 2 months of the consult.

If your PMS is aligned to the WellSouth Clinical BCTIs, please contact [practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz](mailto:practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz) with your new Account Internal ID.

For further information regarding this programme please contact [practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz](mailto:practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz) or your Primary Care Relationship Manager.