



CANCER & HEMATOLOGY CENTERS OF WESTERN MICHIGAN

CHCWM and RCWM COVID -19 Vaccine Recommendations for patients on therapy

Eligibility:

1. If a patient received the J&J vaccine initially, there is no indication for an additional dose at this time.
2. They should receive the same type of vaccine as their original dose-Either Moderna or Pfizer
3. If you are a patient on any chemotherapy/biotherapy IV or oral, or long term corticosteroid use, you are a candidate for a booster vaccine

Non Eligible:

1. If patient is greater than 6 months from completion of chemotherapy/Immunotherapy and WBC has normalized there is no indication for a booster-May obtain a cbc if concerned
2. If you are on Endocrine therapy alone you are not a candidate
3. If someone has previously been fully vaccinated prior to initiation of chemotherapy they should have mounted a full response and does not need a booster
If the patient would like a booster they may receive one if they so choose.

Timing of vaccines:

1. The third dose should be at least 28 days after the second dose of vaccine
2. All patients who received immunizations while on active treatment should receive a booster. This booster should try to be administered 2 weeks prior to the start of any new therapy
3. If a patient has less than a month till treatment is complete, encourage them to wait until 2 weeks after the last dose of chemotherapy to receive booster
4. If patient is mid-treatment, they should receive a booster. They need to have the following
 - i. platelets > 30,000
 - ii. Avoid nadir if possible

Where to obtain a booster

A patient may call any Health department, local hospital COVID line, or local pharmacy to schedule a booster vaccine

Antibody Testing

We are not currently recommending antibody testing. There is no current standard testing, comparison data, or true understanding of what levels indicate. We do not feel that testing changes our recommendations. The final recommendation is that when concerned obtain a booster vaccine.

If patients ask for testing please encourage them to discuss at next visit with provider. No testing should be added for walkins or previously scheduled labs unless by provider prior to that day.