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Dear Pharmacy,

This email provides information from the COVID-19 Taskforce (Taskforce) about a range of matters relevant to participating pharmacies in the COVID-19 Vaccination in Community Pharmacy Program (CVCP), as follows:

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Moderna Bivalent - Training Module and FAQs Now Available

- A new training module for the Moderna (SPIKEVAX BIVALENT) booster (Module 3.c) has been added to the [COVID-19 Vaccination Training Program](#). Successful completion of the course, including its prerequisite Additional Module 3 Moderna (SPIKEVAX), is required by each clinician before administration can take place.
- Moderna bivalent 18+ [blue/green](#) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) may assist in answering queries from patients on the Moderna bivalent and Booster Doses more generally and can be found [here](#).

Moderna 6+ Red Cap - Primary Course Vaccine

- As you may be aware current supply of the Moderna monovalent (ancestral) vaccine (Moderna 6+ **Red Cap**) has been gradually reducing over the past several months, and soon you will no longer be able to order this vaccine type.
- Please note that AstraZeneca, Pfizer and Novavax will continue to be available if you need access to a primary course vaccine. Please contact the VOC about how to be activated for additional vaccine types.
- **Moderna 6 years+ (Red)** will remain active in CVAS to enable you to complete Stock Management Reporting, including reporting of any wastage, until expiration of the vaccines, at which point the vaccine product will be deactivated in CVAS and any remaining stock you hold should be disposed of as per existing guidelines.

Updated Pfizer 12+ (Purple) Transport Limit

- The Comirnaty 12 years+ (Pfizer purple cap) vaccine [Product Information \(PI\)](#) has been updated with an extension of transport time under refrigeration (2°C to 8°C) from 12 hours to **48 hours**.
- Therefore, within the 1-month (31 days) shelf-life for thawed vaccine (2°C to 8°C), up to **48 hours** can be used for transportation.
- Please note: there have been no changes to transport limits for frozen vaccine.

Reporting Requirements

As a requirement for participating in the COVID-19 vaccination program, all sites are required to complete Delivery Acceptance, Stock Management reporting and report all vaccine wastage.

- Delivery Acceptance is due on the day of receiving your vaccine delivery;
- Stock Management reports are due every week no later than 9pm Friday local time.
- Wastage under the threshold (10 vials at one time) in one incident should be reported in your weekly Stock Management report.
- Major wastage events (10 or more vials at one time) must be reported in a major wastage form on the COVID-19 Vaccine Administrative System (CVAS) within 2 hours of the incident. This report will need to be linked to your next weekly Stock on Hand report.

Wastage can be recorded in the week that it occurs, or the week immediately thereafter if the wastage occurs late on a Friday. Please ensure Stock Management reports are accurate, and include all doses administered, delivered, transfers and/or wasted in the week. Your usage for the week and your current Stock on Hand levels should equate to the amount of vaccines you had on hand at the start of the week. If there is a discrepancy, please explain why this has occurred.

Reminders

Activating and Inactivating Vaccine Types

- The Vaccine Operations Centre (VOC) is the primary point of contact for any requests to change the vaccine type/s you wish to administer in the Program.



- Please contact the VOC to notify any intention to withdraw or amend the vaccines you will be administering. This now also includes participating pharmacies wishing to be activated for Novavax.
- People rely on the VCF to find and book COVID-19 vaccinations. It is crucial that it has accurate information.
- If you are changing the vaccine types you are administering, you must also log into VCF Connect and update your service details. Keeping your details up to date is a mandatory requirement of the vaccine program.

Changes to Vaccine Operations Centre (VOC) Operating Hours

1-3 October 2022

The VOC operating hours will change on 1-3 October 2022.

VOC Operating Hours 1-3 October 2022 Public Holiday NSW, ACT, QLD Monday 3 October 2022		
Saturday 1 October 2022	9am – 2pm AEST	7am – 12pm AWST
Sunday 2 October 2022	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday 3 October 2022	10am – 5pm AEST	7am – 2pm AWST

From 4 October 2022

The VOC operating hours will change from **4 October 2022**.

Current VOC Operating Hours		VOC Operating Hours from Tuesday 4 October 2022		
Monday - Thursday	8.30am – 8pm	Monday - Thursday	8.30am – 7pm AEST	5.30am – 4pm AWST
Friday	8.30am – 9pm	Friday	8.30am – 7pm AEST	5.30am – 4pm AWST
Saturday	8.30am – 7pm	Saturday	9am – 3pm AEST	6am – 12pm AWST
Sunday	CLOSED	Sunday	CLOSED	CLOSED

You can also contact the VOC via COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre@Health.gov.au 24 hours a day and on 1800 318 208 during the above operating hours.

Changes to VOC operating hours will be communicated to stakeholders through the regular channels, over the coming weeks.

Resources - Vaccine Comparison Poster

- The COVID-19 Vaccine Comparison Poster has been updated to include Moderna (SPIKEVAX BIVALENT) vaccine booster for individuals 18 years and older, and recent changes to storage times for Pfizer and Astra Zeneca. [COVID-19 Vaccines in Australia - A3 poster | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#)

Kind regards,

Pharmacy Programs Administrator