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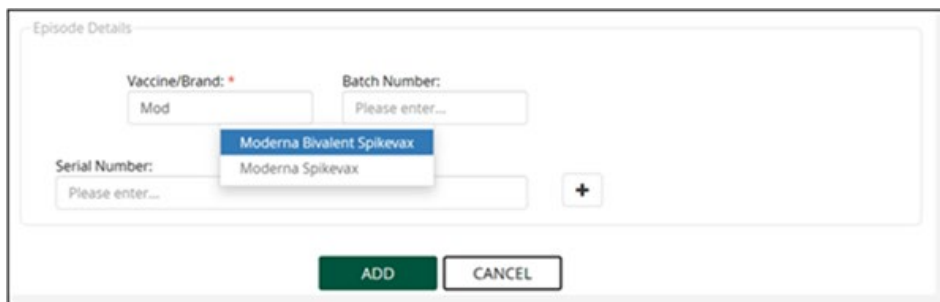
Dear Service Provider,

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:

- Moderna Bivalent - Reporting to AIR
- Timely and Accurate Reporting of Vaccinations to the AIR
- Reminders.

Moderna Bivalent - Reporting to AIR

- The **Moderna Bivalent Spikevax** vaccine will be added to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) on 6 October 2022. This will enable vaccination providers to report the administration of the vaccine when the rollout commences from 10 October 2022. When reporting the administration of a **Moderna Bivalent Spikevax** vaccine to the AIR, vaccination providers should use the vaccine code **MODBIV**.
- The **Moderna Bivalent Spikevax** vaccine will be available to report to the AIR via your professional services software, however if this vaccine is not displayed, we recommend vaccination providers contact their software provider in the first instance. Alternatively, vaccination providers can report the vaccine to the AIR using the [AIR site](#). Please see an example below:



- It is mandatory under the *Australian Immunisation Register Act 2015*, for vaccination providers to report all COVID-19 vaccinations administered in Australia to the AIR. Vaccination providers should use the latest version of their professional services software to make sure they meet reporting requirements.
- **Please note:** The existing Moderna Spikevax vaccine (MODERN) will remain available for vaccination providers to report to the AIR. It is important that vaccination providers enter the **correct vaccine and batch number** when reporting information to the AIR.

Timely and Accurate Reporting of Vaccinations to the AIR

- To ensure accurate and complete reporting of vaccination information to the AIR, providers must provide the following information:
 - provider information: provider number, name and contact details
 - personal information of the individual vaccinated: Medicare number (if applicable), name, contact details, date of birth and gender
 - vaccine information: brand name, dose number and batch number and date of administration.
- Reporting timely, high quality and accurate vaccination information ensures that the AIR maintains a complete and reliable dataset to enable the monitoring of immunisation coverage and administration. It also ensures that individuals have a complete record of their vaccinations that can be provided as evidence for education, employment, and/or travel purposes.
- Vaccination providers should use the latest version of their clinical software to make sure they meet reporting requirements. The Department of Health and Aged Care will continue to work with Services Australia to help software developers and vaccination providers meet their reporting obligations.
- [This PDF](#) includes a reminder of the AIR codes that should be used for COVID-19 Vaccinations.

Batch Numbers

- It has been identified that a significant number of AIR records have a batch number that has been recorded incorrectly. Please make sure that you are reporting the correct batch numbers to the AIR.
- The Department is aware that some software stores and/or autofills previously entered information which can lead to data entry errors, it is important to correct this information prior to submission.

Reminders

Wastage

- While it is encouraged that sites continue to try to minimise wastage, the Taskforce understand that wastage is an inevitable part of the program moving forward as we move to a more opportunistic model of vaccination.
- Please ensure **all** wastage events are reported in CVAS. This report will need to be linked to your next weekly Stock on Hand Report.



- **Expired vaccines** should be recorded as wastage and disposed of in accordance with local requirements for disposal of Schedule 4 medication, the Product Information, and Safety Data Sheets for the COVID-19 vaccines. Unused vaccines must not be disposed of through general rubbish disposal or flushed/poured down the sink. This is dangerous for the community and harmful to the environment. Vaccines requiring disposal can be appropriately disposed of in a sharps disposal bin. Please refer to your state/territory legislation for the requirements in your region.

Cold Chain Breach

- A 'cold chain breach' occurs when vaccine storage temperatures deviate outside the recommended range of +2°C to +8°C.
- A cold chain breach could occur during stock acceptance, stock management or on-site day-to-day. Any stock believed to be affected by a cold chain breach should be immediately quarantined in 2°C to 8°C refrigeration, and the Vaccine Operations Centre (VOC) should be notified.
- The VOC will provide advice on the use of the stock following receipt of the incident details. Vaccines must not be discarded or used until advice is received from the VOC.

Kind regards,

Pharmacy Programs Administrator