



Primary Care Vaccine Roll-out

Pharmacy Bulletin

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Bulletins provide you with regular updates and guidance on the COVID-19 Vaccine Program.

Key Messages

VACCINE SUPPLY UPDATE

Moderna (XBB.1.5) 12 years+ PFS

The Commonwealth's supply of the Moderna (XBB.1.5) 12 years+ PFS vaccine is nearing depletion and the last order window will likely close on **3 May 2024**. After this time, additional orders for the Moderna (XBB.1.5) 12 years+ PFS vaccine can be requested through the Vaccine Operations Centre (VOC) and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis to ensure equitable distribution and to minimise excess wastage of this vaccine.

Please be mindful that Moderna (XBB.1.5) 12 years+ PFS has a **thawed-use-by of 30 days** and you should only order what you need to meet demand.

Moderna has satisfied all deliveries under the current supply arrangements and the Commonwealth has sufficient supplies of alternative COVID-19 vaccine brands for 2024.

Pfizer 5-11 Years (Orange Cap)

The last ordering window for Pfizer 5-11 Years (Orange Cap) closed on **Friday 5 April 2024**.

Sites receiving Pfizer 5-11 Years (Orange Cap) with a Requested Delivery Date of 19 April 2024 are reminded that **you will have a shorter period of time** to use the vaccine until it's **expiry on 30 April 2024**.

The Pfizer (XBB.1.5) 5-11 years (Light Blue) is **available** to replace this formulation.

Pfizer 5-11 Years Eligibility

For further information about patient eligibility for this vaccine, please refer to the [Australian Immunisation Handbook COVID-19 Chapter](#)

Available COVID-19 Vaccines

The Pfizer Bivalent BA.4-5 12 years+ (**grey cap**), Pfizer (XBB.1.5) 5 – 11 years (**Light Blue**) and Pfizer (XBB.1.5) 12 years+ (**grey cap**) vaccines continue to be available in the National COVID-19 Vaccine Program for primary care sites to administer.

Vaccine Access Request

If you would like to commence/recommence administering a new vaccine to meet additional demand, you are able to submit a request in the COVID-19 Vaccine Administrative System (CVAS) to activate access to one or more vaccine products.

- To submit a request, log into the CVAS portal, navigate to the 'Manage Account' tab and click the 'Update Vaccine Access' button and follow the prompts.
- When submitting a request there is a 'View Existing Vaccine Access' button, to assist you to identify what vaccine products you currently have access to. This button can be clicked to open a new tab, showing a summary of all vaccine products you are currently approved to order.
- Please ensure you have completed a site declaration form in CVAS for that vaccine type.

VACCINE OPERATIONS CENTRE UPDATE

The VOC will close on **Thursday 25 April 2024** for ANZAC Day and will re-open 9:00am Friday 26 April 2024. **No deliveries** will be made on Thursday 25 April 2024.

Emails to COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre@Health.gov.au will be answered when normal hours resume.

If you have any questions prior to this, please feel free to contact the Vaccine Operations Centre (VOC) on 1800 318 208 or COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre@Health.gov.au