



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

MODERNA (XBB.1.5) 12 YEARS+ PFS

Vaccine depleted

The Commonwealth's supply of **Moderna (XBB.1.5) 12 years+ PFS vaccine has now depleted**, and you can no longer order this vaccine in the COVID-19 Vaccine Administrative System.

For sites who may be receiving their final deliveries during this time, please be mindful that Moderna (XBB.1.5) 12 years+ PFS has a **thawed-use-by of 30 days**.

Please refer to the **use-by date** on the packaging and ensure **no administrations occur after this date**.

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

COVID-19 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

COVID-19 Vaccine Consumables

Sites are encouraged to report any adverse event or near (potential) adverse event with a medical device. Every incident report that is received by the TGA can assist in identifying issues.

Health professionals have expert knowledge related to device use and safety; through astute monitoring, the rapid identification of device-related problems can occur. Reporting of these problems can reduce the risk of harm to others.

Please be aware of any issues including cracks, breakages, and inaccurate dosing or measurement of volume during use.

Additional information on reporting medical device adverse events and frequently asked questions can be found on the TGA website [Medical device incident reporting & investigation scheme \(IRIS\)](#).

TGA Incident Reporting forms are available [online](#) for health professionals.

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Errors

A vaccine administration error (VAE) occurs when a COVID-19 vaccine is given **outside the current guidance** outlined in the [Australian Immunisation Handbook COVID-19 Chapter](#).

Ways to prevent VAEs include:

- Check the [Australian Immunisation Register](#) (for previous vaccine doses, brands, and age);
- Check age of patient and eligibility for vaccination and vaccine type;
- Check the **manufacture (batch) expiry date of the vaccine** (including any extensions that may apply);
- Check the **thaw expiry date** of the vaccine;
- Check the latest advice in the Australian Immunisation Handbook;
- For multidose vials:
 - **after** puncture/dilution, **label each vial with puncture date and time**.
 - **pre-drawn** doses **in syringes should be labelled with expiry date and time**.
 - for additional information about multidose vials, refer to the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#);

If a VAE occurs at your site, please email the Vaccine Operations Centre (VOC) with the completed [Vaccine Administration Error Reporting Form](#) to COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre@Health.gov.au or contact them via telephone on 1800 318 208.

Once the VOC have received all the relevant details, they will review and provide your site with advice related to the incident.

RESOURCES

- Updated Factsheet - [Pharmacy In-reach – July 2024](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines in Australia - A3 Poster](#)