



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

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

JN.1 COVID-19 Vaccines

The following Pfizer JN.1 COVID-19 vaccines are to be included in the National COVID-19 Vaccine Program from **9 December 2024**.

The first ordering window for the JN.1 COVID-19 vaccines opens on **Saturday 16 November 24**, with a requested delivery date for 6 December 2024.

| Vaccine | Presentation |
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| Pfizer (JN.1) 5-11 years SDV (Light Blue) – allocation 10 doses | Single Dose Vials (SDV) - 1 dose vials - 10 vials to a box |
| Pfizer (JN.1) 12 years+ MDV (Dark Grey) – allocation 120 doses | Multi Dose Vial (MDV) - 6 dose vials – 10 vials to a box |
| Pfizer (JN.1) 12 years+ (PFS) – allocation 30 doses | Pre-Filled Syringe (PFS) – 1 dose syringes - 10 syringes to a box |

Sites participating in the Program will be onboarded for these vaccines in **two tranches**. The tranches are based on sites current fortnightly ordering windows. This is to ensure equitable distribution of the vaccines.

In the coming weeks, all sites will have access to order the JN.1 vaccines via the CVAS ordering tab. Additional orders for JN.1 vaccines will not be assessed until after all sites in both Tranches have received their first deliveries.

If you have any questions regarding the JN.1 vaccines, please call the VOC on **1800 318 208** or email COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre@Health.gov.au

Australian Immunisation Handbook – JN.1 Update

The **Australian Immunisation Handbook** (the Handbook) will be updated in the coming weeks to include recommendations on the use of JN.1 COVID-19 vaccines. Providers can find guidance on patient eligibility, suitability, dosage and administration for all available COVID-19 vaccines in the Handbook [here](#).

Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

It is **mandatory** under the *Australian Immunisation Register Act 2015*, for vaccination providers to report all National Immunisation Program, COVID-19, influenza and Japanese encephalitis virus vaccinations administered in Australia to the AIR.

The **Pfizer COVID-19 COMIRNATY JN.1 vaccine** will become available to report to the AIR from **30 November 2024** using Practice Management Software. 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](#).

When reporting the administration of the COMIRNATY JN.1 vaccine to the AIR, vaccination providers should use the vaccine code COVJN. Please see vaccine details below.

| Required information | Vaccine |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Vaccine brand name | COMIRNATY JN.1 |
| Vaccine Edit Code | COVJN |

Please note: There are multiple Pfizer Comirnaty vaccines available in Australia and it is important that vaccination providers enter the **correct vaccine and batch/lot number** when reporting information to the AIR.

Healthcare providers **should check each patient's immunisation history and Medicare reference numbers before administering any COVID-19 vaccine**

RESOURCES

COVID-19 vaccines in Australia – A3 Poster

The latest version of the **COVID-19 vaccines in Australia – A3 poster** will be published on the Department's website shortly.

This poster is a useful resource for sites and will continue to be updated to reflect any changes to vaccines available for administration in the Program.

Recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses Poster

The latest version of the **Recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses** was published on the Department's website on **30 September 2024**.

This poster outlines the COVID-19 vaccine doses recommended for each age and population group.

National Immunisation Program (NIP) and National COVID-19 Vaccination Program (NCVP) updates

Subscribe [here](#) to stay up to date with the latest clinical and program guidance on the National Immunisation Program (NIP) and National COVID-19 Vaccination Program (NCVP) to help you deliver immunisation services to your patients.

The updates provide the latest information to assist providers administer vaccines on the NIP and NCVP, including:

- changes to the NIP schedule
- updates to the NCVP
- clinical advice, including ATAGI clinical statements
- program communication
- immunisation events/activities
- Australian Immunisation Register information

Updates are for health professionals who have a role in promoting and administering NIP funded and NCVP vaccines, including:

- general practitioners
- nurses
- midwives
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners and workers
- specialists
- pharmacists
- practice managers and administrators