



Primary Care Vaccine Roll-out

Provider Bulletin

20 August 2024

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

Key Messages

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

Moderna (XBB.1.5) 12 years+ (PFS) Expired

For sites who may have received a final delivery of the Moderna (XBB.1.5) 12 years+ PFS during July 2024, please be mindful that this vaccine 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**.

Pfizer Bivalent (BA.4-5) 12 years + (Grey) (ancestral formulation)

The Commonwealth's supply of the **Pfizer Bivalent (BA.4-5) 12 years + (Grey) (ancestral formulation)** is **due to expire on 31 August 2024** and is no longer available in the National COVID-19 Vaccination Program (NCVP).

Sites who have ordered this vaccine with a Requested Delivery Date of 23 August 2024, are **reminded** that these doses **expire on Saturday 31 August 2024 at the latest**.

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

After this time, please **do not administer** the vaccine.

Sites are reminded **not to administer any expired** vaccines beyond their use-by date and **must discard any remaining stock**, as per existing state and territory guidelines for the disposal of clinical waste and schedule 4 medication, ensuring that it is reported as wastage in CVAS.

Pfizer (XBB.1.5) 6 months to 4 years (Maroon)

From **Monday 19 August 2024** the **Pfizer (XBB.1.5) 6 months to 4 years (Maroon)** vaccine became available in the NCVP.

Infants and children aged 6 months to 4 years, with conditions that may increase the risk of severe COVID-19 (other than severe immunocompromise) and who have not previously received a dose of COVID-19 vaccine, can consider a primary course with the Pfizer (XBB.1.5) 6 months to 4 years (Maroon) vaccine **based on a risk-benefit assessment**.

Sites participating in the NCVP can place an order for this vaccine type in CVAS via the ordering tab. **Please only order what you need to meet your sites demand.**

The Pfizer 6 months-4 years (Maroon) (**ancestral formulation**) vaccine is due to expire in the coming months. It will soon no longer be available in the Program.

Monovalent Omicron XBB.1.5 vaccines are preferred over other ancestral vaccines.

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

RESOURCES

The latest version of the [COVID-19 vaccines in Australia – A3 poster](#) was published on the Department's website on 12 August 2024.

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 NCVP.

The next update to the A3 poster will be to remove the expired Pfizer Bivalent BA.4-5 12 years+ (Grey) (ancestral formulation). This update is anticipated for the end of August 2024.