



Australian Government



Primary Care Vaccine Roll-out

Provider 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

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

Sites are reminded that the Commonwealth's supply of the **Moderna (XBB.1.5) 12 years+ PFS Vaccine** has expired and is no longer available in the National COVID-19 Vaccination Program (the Program).

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

The Commonwealth's supply of the **Pfizer Bivalent (BA.4-5) 12 years + (Grey) vaccine** expired on 31 August 2024 and is also no longer available in the Program.

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 6 months to 4 years (Maroon) (ancestral formulation)

The Commonwealth's supply of the **Pfizer 6 months-4 years (Maroon) (ancestral formulation) vaccine** will expire on 30 September 2024 and will no longer be available in the Program.

The Pfizer (XBB.1.5) 6 months to 4 years (Maroon) vaccine **has replaced** the ancestral formulation and became available in the Program on 19 August 2024.

For patient eligibility for this vaccine, please refer to the **Australian Immunisation Handbook COVID-19 Chapter**

VACCINE OPERATIONS CENTRE UPDATE

The Vaccine Operations Centre will be **CLOSED** on **Monday October 7, 2024** for the ACT Labour Day public holiday.

Normal Operating hours will resume from 9am on Tuesday October 8, 2024.

RESOURCES

COVID-19 vaccines in Australia – A3 Poster

The latest version of the **COVID-19 vaccines in Australia – A3 poster** was published on the Department's website on **30 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 Program.

The next update to the A3 poster will be to remove the expired Moderna (XBB.1.5) 12 years+ PFS and the Pfizer 6 months-4 years (Maroon) (ancestral formulation) vaccines.

This update is anticipated for the end of September 2024.