

Dear Health Care Partners,

As announced today in [TPH's Communique e-Newsletter for Health Professionals](#), the bivalent Moderna COVID-19 vaccine product is becoming available for use in the coming days.

Action: Providers wishing to order the Bivalent Moderna COVID-19 vaccine will be able place orders by mid-week this week (week of September 12th) for delivery next week (week of September 19th).

- Recall that orders must be placed by Thursdays at 5PM for delivery the following week. If you place your order by 5 PM on Thursday September 15, you will receive it on your regularly scheduled delivery day the following week, the week of September 19.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Key Points for Bivalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Vials of Bivalent Moderna COVID-19 formulation are distinguishable by their **royal blue cap and green bordered label** (Note: pediatric Moderna vials have a **royal blue** cap and **purple** bordered label).
- There are 5, 0.5 mL doses per vial (as opposed to Monovalent Moderna which has 10, 0.5 mL doses per vial)
- Once removed from the freezer, this vaccine may be stored in the refrigerator (2-8° Celsius) for up to 30 days.
 - Providers should consider writing the calculated post-thaw viability date directly on the vials so that it is clear when the vials expire from temperature storage conditions and should be discarded.
- Once punctured, all doses must be administered or discarded within 24 hours.
- Bivalent Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is only recommended for individuals age 18 and older, as a **booster dose only**.

Please consider the following documents as you prepare to provide the new pediatric formulation:

- TPH's [Communique e-newsletter article](#)
- (Updated) [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Product Monograph](#)
- (Updated) [Ministry of Health – COVID-19 Vaccine Administration](#)
- (New) NACI [Recommendations on the use of bivalent Omicron containing mRNA COVID-19 vaccines](#)

Sincerely,

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