

October 17 2022

Dear Health Care Partners,

As announced on October 13, 2022 by the Government of Ontario [All Ontarians Aged 12+ Eligible for Bivalent Booster | Ontario Newsroom](#) the Bivalent Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be available for use on October 17, 2022.

Action: Providers wishing to order the Bivalent Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be able place orders starting today for delivery the week of October 24, 2022.

- Orders must be placed by Thursdays at 5PM for delivery the following week. If you place your order by 5 PM on Thursday October 20, you will receive it on your regularly scheduled delivery day the following week, the week of October 24, 2022.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Key Points for Bivalent Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Vials of Bivalent Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines are distinguishable by their **Grey cap and Grey bordered label**,
- The date printed on the vial label is the **date of manufacture**, not the expiry date.
- There are 6, 0.3 mL doses per vial (same as Monovalent Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines),
- Dilution is **NOT** required,
- Once removed from the freezer, this vaccine may be only stored in the refrigerator (2-8° Celsius) for up to **10 weeks** (post-thaw viability),
 - 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.
- Punctured vials should be stored between 2-25° Celsius and all doses must be administered or discarded after **12 hours**.
- This product is only recommended for individuals age **12 years** and older, as a **booster dose**.

Sincerely,

COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation & Distribution Team

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For all other program inquiries, contact Toronto Public Health at:

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If you have placed an order, please Contact Accuristix for questions about your order and deliveries at:

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