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This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations administering COVID-19 vaccine— please read this message in its entirety. Please feel free to share it with others in your organization who may benefit from the update. Note that all our communications are archived on our [web site](#).

Dear COVID-19 Vaccine Program (CoVP) Providers,

Federal inventory of Moderna-10 and Moderna-5 monovalent COVID-19 vaccines for individuals aged 6 and older are set to expire in early April. There will not be any additional shelf-life extensions for these products.

All of the Moderna monovalent products for ages 6 through 11 and 12+ ordered over the next two weeks will be short-dated, with expirations in early April. Next week's order deadline, March 7th, will be the last opportunity for providers to [place orders](#) for this short-dated product. **After March 7th, providers will need to order alternative vaccines from Pfizer (ages 6 and older) and Novavax (aged 12 and older) for individuals seeking monovalent, primary series vaccines.**

CoVP providers should be mindful of patients starting their primary series with Moderna adult (12+) or pediatric (6-11) monovalent vaccines. Depending on the date, they may not be able to complete their primary series with this product. In this case, a different COVID-19 vaccine may be administered to complete the primary series at a minimum interval of 28 days from the last COVID-19 vaccine dose. [Please read CDC guidance on interchanging COVID-19 vaccines here.](#)

Additional Reminders

Redistribution of COVID-19 vaccines is extremely limited. Please order full pack sizes if possible or refer to our [previous communication](#) regarding redistribution. There is no financial penalty or need to replace COVID-19 vaccine should they expire before use. If COVID-19 vaccine expires or is wasted, you must promptly report any doses expired and/or wasted vaccine to the CT WiZ [Helpdesk](#).

We encourage providers to:

- Monitor expiration dates weekly, rotate stock as needed, and follow a “first in, first out” strategy to manage inventory.
- If nearing expiration, check posted manufacturer information for the most up to date expiration/extension information for vaccine lots.
 - **Pfizer:** <https://lotexpiry.cvdvaccine.com>

- **Moderna:** <https://modernacovid19global.com/vial-lookup>
 - **Novavax:** <https://us.novavaxcovidvaccine.com/hcp>
 - **Johnson and Johnson/Janssen:** <https://vaxcheck.jnj/>
- Based on the latest expiration information, REMOVE expired vaccine from the storage unit IMMEDIATELY. Do not give staff opportunity to administer expired vaccine.

If expired vaccine is inadvertently administered, it is considered a vaccine administration error and requires remediation including a VAERS report, contacting the recipient to inform them of the error, and may or may not require revaccination based on the manufacturers' guidance. Guidance on vaccine administration errors can be found in Appendix A of the [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#).

Vaccine disposal: dispose of the vaccine vial (with any remaining vaccine) and packaging as medical waste. Do NOT return vaccine in the thermal shipping container.

Currently available COVID-19 vaccine products are as follows:

Vaccine	Package Presentation*	Minimum Number of Vials for Direct Shipment	Minimum Dose Quantity for Direct Shipment**	Inventory Status
Monovalent "Original" Products				
Pfizer <5	10 MDV/10 PK	10	100	Several lot numbers have received shelf-life extensions***
Pfizer 5-11	10 MDV/10 PK	10	100	Several lot numbers have received shelf-life extensions***
Comirnaty (Pfizer 12+)	6 MDV/10 PK	30	180	Pfizer's BLA-labeled product: Comirnaty is interchangeable with Pfizer's EUA-labeled product for 12+ which is no longer available.
Moderna <6	10 MDV/10 PK	10	100	Several lot numbers have received shelf-life extensions***
Moderna 6-11	5 MDV/10 PK	10	100	Will no longer be available for order 3/8
Moderna 12+	10 MDV/10 PK	10	100	Will no longer be available for order 3/8
Novavax	10 MDV/10 PK	10	100	Additional supply is now available
Bivalent "Updated" Products				
Bivalent Pfizer < 5	10 MDV/10 PK	10	100	No Change
Bivalent Pfizer Pediatric 5-11	10 MDV/10 PK	10	100	No Change

Single Dose Bivalent Pfizer 12+	1 SDV/10 PK	50 SDV	50 Min / 150 Max	No Change
Bivalent Pfizer 12+	6 MDV/10 PK	30	180	No Change
Bivalent Moderna < 6	2 MDV/10 PK	10	100	No Change
Bivalent Moderna 6-11	5 MDV/10 PK	20	100	No Change
Bivalent Moderna 12+	5 MDV/10 PK	20	100	No Change

* The package presentation includes number of doses per vial, type of vial (multi or single) and number of vials per package. e.g., 10 MDV/10 PK means 10 dose multi-dose vial that comes 10 vials per package. 1 SDV/10 PK means 1 dose single-dose vial that comes 10 vials per package.

**Please place orders in dose quantity not vial quantity.

***Check here for your lot number's shelf-life extension and new expiration date here: (Pfizer) <https://lotexpiry.cvdvaccine.com>; (Moderna) <https://modernacovid19global.com/vial-lookup>.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and effort with the COVID-19 vaccine rollout. We will send out another communication as soon as centralized redistributions are available again.

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