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## COVID-19 Vaccines

The charts below provide dosing, storage, adverse effects, efficacy, and other information for COVID-19 vaccines approved or authorized in the US and Canada. The American Society of Health System Pharmacists has resources related to COVID-19 vaccines at <https://www.ashp.org/COVID-19/Vaccines?loginreturnUrl=SSOCheckOnly>. See end of the chart for links to the **fact sheets** and **product labeling**.

### COVID-19 Vaccines Available in the UNITED STATES

VACCINE <sup>e</sup>	DOSE (Primary Series)	DOSE (Booster)	STORAGE/STABILITY	COMMENTS
<p><b>BNT162b2</b> (Pfizer-BioNTech)/ mRNA (Comirnaty)<sup>c</sup></p> <p><b>PURPLE cap</b><sup>*,17,19</sup> (NOT for ages &lt;12 years<sup>a</sup>)</p> <p><b>Approved</b> for ages ≥12 years;<sup>19</sup> <b>EUA</b> for ages ≥12 years; <b>third dose</b> for immunocompromised.<sup>f,17</sup></p> <p>Requires dilution with <b>1.8 mL NS</b> per vial.<sup>17,19</sup></p> <p>*Purple cap formulation is being phased out. See Gray cap formulation, below.</p>	<p><b>Primary vaccination for</b> ≥12 years: two 0.3 mL (30 mcg) IM doses 3 weeks apart.<sup>**17,19</sup></p> <p><b>Immunocompromised<sup>f</sup>:</b> As above, plus 3<sup>rd</sup> dose ≥28 days after the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.<sup>17</sup></p> <p><b>**CDC:</b> An 8-week interval between the first two doses may increase efficacy, but stick with labeled interval for those who need rapid protection (e.g., age ≥65 years, immunocompromised).<sup>25</sup></p>	<p>See age-appropriate bivalent mRNA booster.</p>	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (ultra-low temp freezer, freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator</b> (2°C to 8°C): one month thawed/undiluted vials (includes transport [up to 12 hours]); 6 hours once diluted (vial or pre-drawn syringe).<sup>10,17,19</sup></p> <p><b>Room Temp</b> (up to 25°C): 2 hours (thawed/undiluted); 6 hours once diluted (vial or pre-drawn syringe).<sup>10,17,19</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficacy: <b>See footnote i.</b> In adolescents, 43% effective against hospitalization 2 to 22 weeks after second dose (Omicron BA.1- predominant period).<sup>36</sup></li> <li>• Lymphadenopathy (16%) may interfere with imaging (e.g., mammography) for four to six weeks after vaccination.<sup>28</sup></li> <li>• See our FAQ, <i>Communicating About COVID-19 Vaccination</i>, for information about myocarditis/pericarditis.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>BNT162b2</b> (Pfizer-BioNTech)/ mRNA (Comirnaty)<sup>c</sup></p> <p><b>GRAY</b> cap<sup>13,27</sup> (NOT for ages &lt;12 years<sup>a</sup>)</p> <p><b>Approved</b> for ages ≥12 years;<sup>27</sup> <b>EUA</b> for ages ≥12 years; <b>third dose</b> for immunocompromised.<sup>f</sup></p> <p>Do NOT dilute.<sup>13,27</sup></p>	<p>See above.</p>	<p>See above.</p>	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (ultra-low temp freezer, freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator</b> (2°C to 8°C): 10 weeks (unpunctured vial).<sup>13,27</sup></p> <p><b>Room Temp</b> (up to 25°C): 12 hours (unpunctured vial).<sup>13,27</sup></p> <p>Discard vials 12 hours after first puncture.<sup>13,27</sup></p> <p>Vaccine should not be used after 12 months from date of manufacture.<sup>13</sup></p>	<p>See above.</p>
<p><b>BNT162b2 for 5 through 11 years of age</b> (Pfizer-BioNTech)/ mRNA</p> <p><b>ORANGE</b> cap and label with orange border<sup>30</sup></p> <p><b>EUA</b></p> <p>Requires dilution with <b>1.3 mL</b> of NS per vial.<sup>30</sup></p>	<p><b>Primary vaccination for 5 to 11 years:</b> two 0.2 mL (10 mcg) IM doses 3 weeks apart.<sup>30</sup></p> <p><b>Immunocompromised:</b> as above, plus 3<sup>rd</sup> dose ≥28 days after the second dose.<sup>30</sup></p>	<p><b>First Booster:</b> one 0.2 mL (10 mcg) IM dose ≥5 months (≥3 months if immunocompromised) after last primary dose.<sup>30</sup></p>	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (ultra-low temp freezer, freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator</b> (2°C to 8°C) (option if vials arrive frozen or refrigerated): 10 weeks undiluted; 12 hours once diluted (vial).<sup>30</sup></p> <p><b>Room Temp</b> (up to 25°C): 12 hours (undiluted); 12 hours once diluted (vial).<sup>30</sup></p> <p>Stable in <b>pre-drawn syringe</b> for 24 hours, with no more than 12 hours at room temperature (up to 30°C).<sup>10</sup></p> <p>Vaccine should not be used after 12 months from date of manufacture.<sup>30</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficacy 68% against hospitalization about one month after the second dose (Omicron BA.1-predominant period).<sup>36</sup> <b>See footnote i.</b></li> <li>• See our FAQ, <i>Communicating About COVID-19 Vaccination</i>, for information about myocarditis/pericarditis.</li> </ul>

VACCINE <sup>e</sup>	DOSE (Primary Series)	DOSE (Booster)	STORAGE/STABILITY	COMMENTS
<p><b>BNT162b2 for 6 months through 4 years of age (Pfizer-BioNTech)/ mRNA</b></p> <p><b>MAROON</b> cap and label with maroon border<sup>32</sup></p> <p><b>EUA</b></p> <p>Requires dilution with <b>2.2 mL</b> of NS per vial.<sup>32</sup></p>	<p><b>Primary vaccination for 6 months to through 4 years:</b> three 0.2 mL (3 mcg) IM doses. The initial two doses are given 3 weeks apart, followed by a third dose <math>\geq 8</math> weeks after the second dose.<sup>32</sup></p>	N/A	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (ultra-low temp freezer, freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator</b> (2°C to 8°C) (option if vials arrive frozen or refrigerated): 10 weeks (undiluted); 12 hours (once diluted).<sup>32</sup></p> <p><b>Room Temp</b> (up to 25°C): 12 hours (undiluted); 12 hours (once diluted).<sup>32</sup></p> <p>Vaccine should not be used after 12 months from date of manufacture.<sup>32</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immune response in this age group is similar to that of people 16 through 25 years of age.<sup>32</sup> <b>See footnote i.</b></li> <li>See our FAQ, <i>Communicating About COVID-19 Vaccination</i>, for information about myocarditis/pericarditis.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BNT162b2 Bivalent booster</b> (original and omicron BA.4/BA.5) (Pfizer-BioNTech)/ mRNA</p> <p><b>EUA</b></p> <p>Do NOT dilute.<sup>3</sup></p>	N/A	<p><b>Booster (<math>\geq 12</math> years of age):</b> one 0.3 mL IM dose <math>\geq 2</math> months after completion of primary series of any COVID-19 vaccine or booster.<sup>3</sup></p>	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (ultra-low temp freezer, freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator</b> (2°C to 8°C) (option if vials arrive frozen or refrigerated): 10 weeks (undiluted); 12 hours (once diluted).<sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>Room Temp</b> (up to 25°C): 12 hours (undiluted); 12 hours (once diluted).<sup>3</sup></p> <p>Vaccine should not be used after 12 months from date of manufacture.<sup>3</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval based on immunogenicity data from animals, and a different bivalent booster (original and Omicron BA.1) in humans.<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>mRNA-1273 (Moderna)/ mRNA (Spikevax)<sup>g</sup></b></p> <p><b>RED</b> cap and label with a light blue border (0.2 mg/mL)<sup>21</sup></p> <p><i>Continued...</i></p>	<p><b>Primary vaccination for <math>\geq 12</math> years:</b> two 0.5 mL (100 mcg) IM doses one month (4 weeks) apart.<sup>*,2,21,25</sup></p> <p><b>Immunocompromised:</b> as above plus 3<sup>rd</sup> dose</p>	See age-appropriate bivalent booster.	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator</b> (2°C to 8°C): 30 days after thawing (prior to first use).<sup>2,21</sup> After 30 days, contact manufacturer for guidance before discarding.<sup>6</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Efficacy: <b>See footnote i.</b> In children 12 through 17 years of age, 93.3% effective in preventing symptomatic infection (pre-Omicron data).<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Lymphadenopathy (16%) may interfere with imaging (e.g., mammography) for</li> </ul>

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<p><b>mRNA-1273 (Moderna)/ mRNA (Spikevax),<sup>g</sup></b> continued</p> <p><b>Approved (Spikevax)</b> for primary two-dose series in adults <math>\geq 18</math> years of age.<sup>21</sup></p> <p><b>EUA</b> for primary series for ages 12 to 17 years of age, and a third primary series dose for immunocompromised people <math>\geq 12</math> years of age.<sup>2</sup></p>	<p><math>\geq 1</math> month (<math>\geq 4</math> weeks) after the second dose.<sup>2,25</sup></p> <p>*CDC: An 8-week interval between the first two doses may increase efficacy, but stick with labeled interval for those who need rapid protection (e.g., age <math>\geq 65</math> years, immunocompromised).<sup>25</sup></p>		<p>In-use vial/pre-drawn syringe: 12 hours.<sup>2,10,21</sup></p> <p><b>Room temperature (8°C to 25°C):</b> Unused vial: 24 hours<sup>2,21</sup> In-use vial/pre-drawn syringe: 12 hours.<sup>2,10,21</sup> Total room temperature storage time must not exceed 24 hours.<sup>2,21</sup></p>	<p>four to six weeks after vaccination.<sup>28</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See our FAQ, <i>Communicating About COVID-19 Vaccination</i>, for information about myocarditis/pericarditis.</li> <li>• Delayed-type hypersensitivity reaction (e.g., large, red area near injection site) reported most often about a week after first shot. May be itchy, painful, warm, or swollen, and can also involve fingers, elbow, or palm. Not a contraindication to subsequent vaccination.<sup>15</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>mRNA-1273 (Moderna)/ mRNA 50 mcg</b> in 0.5 mL</p> <p><b>DARK</b> blue cap and a label with a <b>PURPLE</b> border<sup>4</sup> (0.1 mg/mL)</p> <p><b>EUA</b> for primary series (6 through 11 years).<sup>34</sup></p>	<p><b>Primary vaccination for 6 through 11 years:</b> two 0.5 mL (50 mcg) IM doses one-month apart.<sup>34</sup></p> <p><b>Immunocompromised:</b> as above plus 3<sup>rd</sup> dose <math>\geq 1</math> month after the second.<sup>34</sup></p>	N/A	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C):</b> 30 days after thawing (prior to first use).<sup>4</sup> After 30 days, contact manufacturer for guidance before discarding.<sup>6</sup> In-use vial: 12 hours.<sup>4</sup></p> <p><b>Room temperature (8°C to 25°C):</b> 24 hours total.<sup>4</sup> Discard 12 hours after first puncture.<sup>4</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immune response in children 6 through 11 years of age is similar to that of adults 18 to 25 years of age.<sup>34</sup> <b>See footnote i.</b></li> <li>• Lymphadenopathy (16%) may interfere with imaging (e.g., mammography) for four to six weeks after vaccination.<sup>28</sup></li> <li>• See our FAQ, <i>Communicating About COVID-19 Vaccination</i>, for information about myocarditis/pericarditis.</li> </ul>

VACCINE <sup>e</sup>	DOSE (Primary Series)	DOSE (Booster)	STORAGE/STABILITY	COMMENTS
<p><b>mRNA-1273 for 6 months through 5 years of age (Moderna)/mRNA</b></p> <p><b>DARK</b> blue cap and label with a <b>MAGENTA</b> border<sup>33</sup></p> <p><b>EUA</b></p>	<p><b>Primary vaccination for 6 months through 5 years:</b> two 0.25 mL (25 mcg) IM doses one month apart.<sup>33</sup></p> <p><b>Immunocompromised:</b> as above, plus 3<sup>rd</sup> dose one month after the second dose.<sup>33</sup></p>	N/A	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C):</b> 30 days after thawing (prior to first use).<sup>33</sup> After 30 days, contact manufacturer for guidance before discarding.<sup>6</sup> In-use vial: 12 hours.<sup>33</sup></p> <p><b>Room temperature (8°C to 25°C):</b> 24 hours total. Discard 12 hours after first puncture.<sup>33</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficacy 36.8% (2 through 5 years of age) to 50.6% (6 through 23 months of age) against symptomatic infection (Omicron B.1.1.529-predominant period).<sup>33</sup> <b>See footnote i.</b></li> <li>• See our FAQ, <i>Communicating About COVID-19 Vaccination</i>, for information about myocarditis/pericarditis.</li> </ul>
<p><b>mRNA-1273 Bivalent Booster</b> (original and omicron BA.4/BA.5) (Moderna)/mRNA</p> <p><b>DARK</b> blue cap and a label with a <b>GRAY</b> border<sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>EUA</b></p>	N/A	<p><b>Booster (≥18 years of age):</b> one 0.5 mL IM dose ≥2 months after completion of primary series of any COVID-19 vaccine or booster.<sup>3</sup></p>	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C):</b> 30 days after thawing (prior to first use).<sup>3</sup> After 30 days, contact manufacturer for guidance before discarding.<sup>6</sup> In-use vial: 12 hours.<sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>Room temperature (8°C to 25°C):</b> 24 hours total. Discard 12 hours after first puncture.<sup>3</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval based on immunogenicity data from animals, and a different bivalent booster (original and Omicron BA.1) in humans.<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>Ad26.COV2.S Janssen (J&amp;J)/Viral vector</b> (non-replicating)</p> <p><i>Continued...</i></p>	<p><b>Primary vaccination for ≥18 years:</b> one 0.5 mL IM dose.<sup>9</sup></p> <p><b>Immunocompromised:</b> as above, plus 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, (mRNA vaccine) ≥28 days later.<sup>25</sup></p>	<p><b>Booster:</b> one 0.5 mL IM dose ≥2 months after primary vaccination (mRNA booster preferred).<sup>9,25</sup></p>	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C):</b> Up to 11 months, not to exceed mfr expiration date (unused vial).<sup>31</sup> In-use vial/pre-drawn syringe: 6 hrs.<sup>9,10</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficacy 45.3% against symptomatic infection two to four months after mRNA booster (Omicron BA.1-predominant period).<sup>7</sup> <b>See footnote i.</b></li> <li>• See our FAQ, <i>Communicating About COVID-19 Vaccination</i>,</li> </ul>

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<b>Ad26.COV2.S</b> <b>Janssen (J&amp;J)/</b> Viral vector (non-replicating), continued  <b>EUA</b> for adults for whom other vaccines are not available or appropriate, or if they refuse other vaccines. <sup>9</sup>			<b>Room temperature</b> (9°C to 25°C): unused vial: 12 hours. <sup>9</sup> In-use vial/pre-drawn syringe: 2 hours. <sup>9,10</sup>	for information about thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) and other rare side effects of viral vector COVID-19 vaccines.
<b>NVX-CoV2373</b> <b>(Novavax)/</b> Recombinant protein subunit, adjuvanted  <b>EUA</b>	<b>Primary vaccination for ≥12 years of age:</b> two 0.5 mL IM doses three weeks apart. <sup>14</sup>  <b>Immunocompromised:</b> response may be diminished. <sup>14</sup>	See age-appropriate bivalent mRNA booster.	<b>Refrigerator</b> (2°C to 8°C): 6 hours (punctured vial). <sup>14</sup>  <b>Room temperature</b> (≤25°C): 6 hours (punctured vial). <sup>14</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficacy: See footnote i.</li> </ul>

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### COVID-19 Vaccines Available in CANADA

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<p><b>BNT162b2</b> (Pfizer-BioNTech)/ mRNA (Comirnaty)</p> <p><b>PURPLE</b> cap<sup>18</sup> (NOT for ages &lt;12 years<sup>a</sup>)</p> <p>Requires dilution with <b>1.8 mL</b> NS per vial.<sup>18</sup></p>	<p><b>Primary vaccination for ≥12 years:</b> two 0.3 mL (30 mcg) IM doses 21 days apart (8-week interval preferred).<sup>18,20</sup></p> <p><b>Immunocompromised<sup>f</sup>:</b> As above plus 3<sup>rd</sup> dose, with 4 to 8 weeks between each of the three doses.<sup>20</sup></p>	<p><b>Bivalent booster preferred if ≥18 years of age.</b><sup>11,h</sup></p> <p><b>Booster (≥12 years):<sup>h</sup></b> one 0.3 mL (30 mcg) IM dose ≥6 months (≥3 months in the event of heightened epidemiologic risk) after the primary series, booster, or infection.<sup>11,18</sup></p> <p><b>Immunocompromised<sup>f,h</sup>:</b> as above.<sup>20</sup></p>	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (ultra-low temp freezer, freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator</b> (2°C to 8°C): 1 month thawed/undiluted vials (includes transport [up to 12 hours]); 6 hours once diluted (vial or pre-drawn syringe).<sup>10,18</sup></p> <p><b>Room Temp</b> (up to 25°C): 2 hours (thawed/undiluted); 6 hours (once diluted [vial or pre-drawn syringe]).<sup>10,18</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficacy: See footnote i. In adolescents, 43% effective against hospitalization 2 to 22 weeks after second dose (Omicron BA.1- predominant period).<sup>36</sup></li> <li>• Lymphadenopathy (16%) may interfere with imaging (e.g., mammography) for four to six weeks after vaccination.<sup>28</sup></li> <li>• See our FAQ, <i>Communicating About COVID-19 Vaccination</i>, for information about myocarditis/pericarditis.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BNT162b2</b> (Pfizer-BioNTech)/ mRNA (Comirnaty)</p> <p><b>GRAY</b> cap<sup>18</sup> (NOT for ages &lt;12 years<sup>a</sup>)</p> <p>Do NOT dilute.<sup>18</sup></p>	See above.	See above.	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (ultra-low temp freezer, freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator</b> (2°C to 8°C): 10 weeks (unpunctured vial).<sup>18</sup></p> <p><b>Room Temp</b> (up to 25°C): 12 hours (unpunctured vial).<sup>18</sup></p> <p>Discard vials 12 hours after first puncture.<sup>18</sup></p> <p>Vaccine should not be used after 12 months from date of manufacture.<sup>18</sup></p>	See above.

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<p><b>BNT162b2 for 5 through 11 years of age (Pfizer-BioNTech)/ mRNA (Comirnaty)</b></p> <p><b>ORANGE</b> cap and label with orange border<sup>18</sup></p> <p>Requires dilution with <b>1.3 mL</b> of NS per vial.<sup>18</sup></p>	<p><b>Primary vaccination for 5 to 11 years:</b> two 0.2 mL (10 mcg) IM doses 21 days apart. (<math>\geq</math>8-week interval preferred).<sup>18,20</sup></p> <p><b>Immunocompromised:</b> as above plus 3<sup>rd</sup> dose, with 4 to 8 weeks between each of the three doses.<sup>20</sup></p>	<p><b>First Booster:</b> one 0.2 mL (10 mcg) IM dose <math>\geq</math>6 months after last primary dose.<sup>18</sup></p>	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (ultra-low temp freezer, freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator</b> (2°C to 8°C) (option if vials arrive frozen or refrigerated): 10 weeks undiluted; 12 hours once diluted (vial).<sup>18</sup></p> <p><b>Room Temp</b> (up to 25°C): 12 hours (undiluted); 12 hours (once diluted [vial]).<sup>18</sup></p> <p>Stable in <b>pre-drawn syringe</b> for 24 hours, with no more than 12 hours at room temperature (up to 30°C).<sup>10</sup></p> <p>Vaccine should not be used after 12 months from date of manufacture.<sup>18</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficacy 68% against hospitalization about one month after the second dose (Omicron BA.1-predominant period).<sup>36</sup> <b>See footnote i.</b></li> <li>• See our FAQ, <i>Communicating About COVID-19 Vaccination</i>, for information about myocarditis/pericarditis.</li> </ul>
<p><b>mRNA-1273 (Moderna)/ mRNA (Spikevax)</b></p> <p><b>RED</b> cap and label with a light blue border (0.2 mg/mL)<sup>22</sup></p> <p><i>Continued...</i></p>	<p><b>Primary vaccination for <math>\geq</math>12 years:</b> two 0.5 mL (100 mcg) IM doses 1 month (4 weeks) apart (8-week interval preferred).<sup>20,22</sup></p> <p><b>6 to 11 years:</b> two 0.25 mL (50 mcg) IM doses 4 weeks apart (<math>\geq</math>8-week interval preferred).<sup>20,22</sup></p>	<p><b>If age <math>\geq</math>18 years, bivalent booster preferred.</b><sup>11,h</sup></p> <p><b>Booster (<math>\geq</math>12 years<sup>b</sup>):</b> one 0.25 mL (50 mcg) IM dose <math>\geq</math>6 months (<math>\geq</math>3 months in the event of heightened epidemiologic risk) after the primary series, booster, or infection.<sup>11,22</sup> <b>See footnote j.</b></p> <p><b>Immunocompromised<sup>f</sup>:</b> as above, but 100 mcg (0.5 mL)</p>	<p><b>Shipping/long-term storage (freezer):</b> See footnote d.</p> <p><b>Refrigerator</b> (2°C to 8°C): 30 days after thawing (prior to first use).<sup>22</sup> In-use vial: 24 hours.<sup>22</sup></p> <p><b>Room temperature</b> (8°C to 25°C): unused vial: 24 hours.<sup>22</sup> In-use vial: 24 hours.<sup>22</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficacy: <b>See footnote i.</b> In children 12 through 17 years of age, 93.3% effective in preventing symptomatic infection (pre-Omicron data).<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Lymphadenopathy (16%) may interfere with imaging (e.g., mammography) for four to six weeks after vaccination.<sup>28</sup></li> <li>• See our FAQ, <i>Communicating About COVID-19 Vaccination</i>, for</li> </ul>



VACCINE <sup>e</sup>	DOSE (Primary Series)	DOSE (Booster)	STORAGE/STABILITY	COMMENTS
<b>mRNA-1273 (Moderna)/ mRNA (Spikevax),</b> continued	<b>Immunocompromised<sup>f</sup>:</b> as above plus 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose, with 4 to 8 weeks between each of the three doses. <sup>20</sup>	instead of 50 mcg (0.25 mL) can be used if $\geq 18$ years. <sup>20</sup>		information about myocarditis/pericarditis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delayed-type hypersensitivity reaction (e.g., large, red area near injection site) reported most often about a week after first shot. May be itchy, painful, warm, or swollen, and can also involve fingers, elbow, or palm. Not a contraindication to subsequent vaccination.<sup>15</sup></li> </ul>
<b>mRNA-1273 (Moderna)/ mRNA</b>  <b>ROYAL</b> blue cap and a label with a <b>PURPLE</b> border <sup>22</sup> (0.1 mg/mL)  Approved for <b>primary series (6 months through 11 years)</b> and <b>50 mcg booster (adults)</b> . <sup>22</sup>	<b>Primary vaccination for 6 months through 5 years:</b> two 0.25 mL (25 mcg) IM doses 4 weeks apart ( $\geq 8$ weeks preferred). <sup>22,35</sup>  <b>Primary vaccination for 6 through 11 years:</b> two 0.5 mL (50 mcg) IM doses 4 weeks apart ( $\geq 8$ weeks preferred). <sup>20,22</sup>  <b>Immunocompromised:</b> as above plus 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose, with 4 to 8 weeks between each of the three doses. <sup>20,35</sup>	<b>Bivalent booster preferred if <math>\geq 18</math> years of age.</b> <sup>11,h</sup>  <b>Booster (<math>\geq 18</math> years):</b> one 0.5 mL (50 mcg) IM dose $\geq 6$ months ( $\geq 3$ months in the event of heightened epidemiologic risk) after the primary series, booster, or infection. <sup>11,20</sup> See <b>footnote j</b> .	<b>Shipping/long-term storage (freezer):</b> See footnote d.  <b>Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C):</b> 30 days after thawing (prior to first use). <sup>22</sup> In-use vial: 24 hours. <sup>22</sup>  <b>Room temperature (8°C to 25°C):</b> in-use vial: 24 hours. <sup>22</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficacy 36.8% (2 through 5 years of age) to 50.6% (6 through 23 months of age) against symptomatic infection (Omicron B.1.1.529-predominant period).<sup>33</sup> See <b>footnote i</b>.</li> <li>• See our FAQ, <i>Communicating About COVID-19 Vaccination</i>, for information about myocarditis/pericarditis.</li> </ul>

VACCINE <sup>e</sup>	DOSE (Primary Series)	DOSE (Booster)	STORAGE/STABILITY	COMMENTS
<b>mRNA-1273 Bivalent Booster</b> (original and omicron BA.1) ( <b>Moderna</b> )/ mRNA	N/A	<b>Booster (≥18 years of age):</b> one 0.5 mL IM dose ≥6 months (≥3 months in the event of heightened epidemiologic risk) after the last COVID-19 vaccine dose or infection. <sup>1,11</sup>	<b>Shipping/long-term storage (freezer):</b> See footnote d. <b>Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C):</b> 30 days after thawing (prior to first use). <sup>1</sup> In-use vial: 24 hours. <sup>1</sup> <b>Room temperature (8°C to 25°C):</b> 24 hours total, punctured or unpunctured. <sup>1</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval based on immunogenicity data.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Ad26.COV2.S Janssen (J&amp;J)/</b> Viral vector (non-replicating) ( <i>Jcovden</i> )  <b>mRNA vaccine preferred.</b> <sup>20</sup>	<b>Primary vaccination for ≥18 years:</b> one 0.5 mL IM dose. <sup>24</sup>  <b>Immunocompromised:</b> as above, plus 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose, (mRNA vaccine) ≥28 days later. <sup>20</sup>	<b>Bivalent booster preferred.</b> <sup>11,h</sup>  <b>First Booster (only when all other vaccines are contraindicated):</b> ≥2 months after the first dose. <sup>11,24</sup>	<b>Shipping/long-term storage (freezer):</b> See footnote d. <b>Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C):</b> up to 11 months, not to exceed mfr expiration date (unused vial). <sup>24</sup> In-use vial/pre-drawn syringe: 6 hrs. <sup>10,24</sup> <b>Room temperature (9°C to 25°C):</b> unused vial: 12 hours. <sup>24</sup> In-use vial: 3 hours. <sup>24</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Efficacy: See footnote i.</li> <li>See our FAQ, <i>Communicating About COVID-19 Vaccination</i>, for information about thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) and other rare side effects of viral vector COVID-19 vaccines.</li> </ul>
<b>ChAdOx1-S (AstraZeneca)/Viral vector</b> (non-replicating) ( <i>Vaxzevria</i> )  <b>mRNA vaccine preferred.</b> <sup>20</sup>	<b>Primary vaccination for ≥18 years of age:</b> two 0.5 mL IM doses 4 to 12 weeks apart (≥8-week interval preferred). <sup>16,20</sup>  <b>Immunocompromised:</b> As above plus 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose (mRNA vaccine) ≥28 days later. <sup>20</sup>	N/A	<b>Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C):</b> mfr expiration date (unused vial); 48 hours (punctured vial). <sup>16</sup> <b>Room temperature (≤30°C):</b> 6 hours (punctured vial). Vial can be re-refrigerated, but the cumulative storage at room temperature cannot exceed 6 hours, and the total cumulative storage time cannot exceed 48 hours. <sup>16</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Efficacy: See footnote i.</li> <li>See our FAQ, <i>Communicating About COVID-19 Vaccination</i>, for information about thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) and other rare side effects of viral vector COVID-19 vaccines.</li> </ul>

VACCINE <sup>e</sup>	DOSE (Primary Series)	DOSE (Booster)	STORAGE/STABILITY	COMMENTS
<b>NVX-CoV2373 (Novavax)/</b> Recombinant protein subunit, adjuvanted ( <i>Nuvaxovid</i> )  <b>mRNA vaccine preferred.</b> <sup>20</sup>	<b>Primary vaccination for ≥18 years of age:</b> two 0.5 mL IM doses three weeks apart (8-week interval preferred). <sup>8,20</sup>  <b>Immunocompromised<sup>f</sup>:</b> As above, plus 3rd dose, with 4 to 8 weeks between each of the three doses (mRNA vaccine preferred). <sup>20</sup>	<b>Bivalent booster preferred.</b> <sup>11,h</sup>  <i>Nuvaxovid</i> can be used off-label as a first or second booster for adults unable or unwilling to receive an mRNA vaccine. <sup>11</sup>	<b>Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C):</b> 6 hours (punctured vial). <sup>8</sup>  <b>Room temperature (≤25°C):</b> 6 hours (punctured vial). <sup>8</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effectiveness estimates unknown for current variants.<sup>20</sup> <b>See footnote i.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Covifenz (Medicago)/</b> Recombinant spike protein in plant-based virus-like particles, adjuvanted  <b>mRNA vaccine preferred.</b> <sup>20</sup>	<b>Primary vaccination for 18 to 64 years of age:</b> two 0.5 mL IM doses 21 days apart (8-week interval preferred). <sup>20,26</sup>  <b>Immunocompromised<sup>f</sup>:</b> As above, plus 3rd dose, with 4 to 8 weeks between each of the three doses (mRNA vaccine preferred). <sup>20</sup>	N/A	<b>Refrigerator (2°C to 8°C):</b> Until expiration date on vaccine and adjuvant vials (unpunctured). <sup>26</sup>  <b>In-use vial (mixed):</b> 20°C to 30°C for 6 hours (do not refrigerate once mixed). <sup>26</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effectiveness estimates unknown for current variants. <b>See footnote i.</b></li> <li>Requires mixing of adjuvant and antigen before use (see product labeling for instructions).<sup>26</sup></li> <li>Produced using the genomic sequence of the spike protein of the original strain.<sup>26</sup></li> <li>May contain trace amounts of kanamycin or carbenicillin.<sup>26</sup></li> </ul>

- The adult formulation of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine **CANNOT** be used for children <12 years of age by using a dose-adjusted volume. This is because the resulting volume is too small for an intramuscular injection.<sup>29</sup>
- Canada:** For Moderna, 100 mcg (0.5 mL) instead of 50 mcg can be used as the booster in high-risk adults.<sup>20</sup>
- Comirnaty** and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine authorized (EUA) for ages ≥12 years of age (purple and gray cap vials) can be used interchangeably when prepared according to their respective instructions for use.<sup>25</sup>
- See product labeling for storage in ultra-low freezer, freezer, and thawing before use, if applicable.
- Tips to **minimize vaccine waste** include:<sup>10,23</sup>
  - Maintain the cold chain to prevent waste due to inappropriate storage conditions.

- Maximize doses drawn from multidose vials using:
    - low dead-volume syringes/needles.
    - techniques to minimize leakage (e.g., multiple puncture locations in the rubber stopper, instead of the same location over and over [this can create a larger hole]).
  - Draw up an appropriate number of syringes based on expected vaccination appointments for the day.
    - Monitor appointment cancellations and no shows throughout the day. Then draw up afternoon doses based on the revised appointment list.
  - Use syringes in order of expiration time, starting with the earliest expiration date.
  - Maintain a waiting list to contact people at the end of the day if there are extra doses available.
- f. **US:** Immunocompromise= solid organ transplant patients or similar level of immunocompromise. For a full list of CDC-recommended conditions, see <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html#immunocompromised>.  
**Canada:** See a full list of **immunocompromising conditions**, see the Canadian Immunization Guide: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/canadian-immunization-guide-part-3-vaccination-specific-populations/page-8-immunization-immunocompromised-persons.html>.  
**Ontario** Ministry of Health recommendations for the third dose are available at [https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19\\_vaccine\\_third\\_dose\\_recommendations.pdf](https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19_vaccine_third_dose_recommendations.pdf).
- g. **Spikevax** and the authorized (EUA) **RED** cap Moderna COVID-19 vaccine with a label with a light blue border can be used interchangeably to provide primary series doses or booster doses.<sup>2</sup>
- h. Bivalent booster (age-appropriate) preferred, regardless of the number of booster doses previously received, and can be offered to all individuals  $\geq 12$  years of age, especially those at increased risk.<sup>11</sup>
- i. **Efficacy:** Clinical trials in patients  $\geq 6$  years of age were conducted prior to the emergence of Omicron.<sup>20</sup> Evidence suggests lower efficacy against symptomatic infection by Omicron variants due to partial immune escape.<sup>20</sup> **mRNA** vaccines remained highly effective at protecting boosted adults against hospitalization when Omicron BA.1 and BA.2/BA.2.12.1 variants were circulating.<sup>5,12</sup> For the most current CDC-authored vaccine effectiveness studies, see COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness Monthly Update at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccine-effectiveness>.
- j. Moderna 100 mcg (monovalent) vaccine can be used for the first or second booster for patients  $\geq 70$  years of age or  $\geq 30$  years of age living in senior care settings.<sup>20</sup>

**Abbreviations:** EUA = Emergency Use Authorization; IM = intramuscular; NS = normal saline; UK = United Kingdom

The CDC has interim recommendations for **COVID-19 vaccine administration errors and deviations** available at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us-appendix.html#appendix-d>.

### Fact Sheets and Product Labeling

- *Comirnaty* (PURPLE cap) prescribing information (US): <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/comirnaty>
- *Comirnaty* (GRAY cap) prescribing information (US): <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/comirnaty>
- Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine EUA fact sheet (**12 years of age and older**) for healthcare professionals (US): <https://www.fda.gov/media/153713/download>
- Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine EUA fact sheet (**12 years of age and older [including bivalent booster]**) for patients (US): <https://www.fda.gov/media/153716/download>

- Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine EUA fact sheet (**12 years of age and older-Do Not Dilute**) for healthcare professionals (US): <https://www.fda.gov/media/153715/download>
- Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine EUA fact sheet (**5 through 11 years of age**) for healthcare professionals (US): <https://www.fda.gov/media/153714/download>
- Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine EUA fact sheet (**5 through 11 years of age**) for patients (US): <https://www.fda.gov/media/153717/download>
- Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine EUA fact sheet (**6 months through 4 years of age**) for healthcare professionals (US): <https://www.fda.gov/media/159312/download>
- Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine EUA fact sheet (**6 months through 4 years of age**) for patients (US): <https://www.fda.gov/media/159313/download>
- Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine EUA fact sheet (booster dose for 12 years of age and older) for healthcare professionals (US): <https://www.fda.gov/media/161327/download>
- *Spikevax* prescribing information (US): <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/spikevax>
- Moderna vaccine EUA fact sheet for healthcare professionals (US) (**Primary series, ≥12 years of age**): <https://www.fda.gov/media/157233/download>
- Moderna vaccine EUA fact sheet for healthcare professionals (US) (**Bivalent booster, adults**): <https://www.fda.gov/media/161318/download>
- Moderna vaccine EUA fact sheet for patients (US) (**12 years of age and older [including bivalent booster]**): <https://www.fda.gov/media/144638/download>
- Moderna vaccine EUA fact sheet for healthcare professionals (US) (**6 through 11 years of age**): <https://www.fda.gov/media/159308/download>
- Moderna vaccine EUA fact sheet for patients (US) (**6 through 11 years of age**): <https://www.fda.gov/media/159310/download>
- Moderna vaccine EUA fact sheet for healthcare professionals (US) (**6 months through 5 years of age**): <https://www.fda.gov/media/159307/download>
- Moderna vaccine EUA fact sheet for patients (US) (**6 months through 5 years of age**): <https://www.fda.gov/media/159309/download>
- Janssen (J&J) vaccine EUA fact sheet for healthcare professionals (US): <https://www.fda.gov/media/146304/download>
- Janssen (J&J) vaccine fact sheet for patients (US): <https://www.fda.gov/media/146305/download>
- Novavax vaccine EUA fact sheet for healthcare professionals (US): <https://www.fda.gov/media/159897/download>
- Novavax vaccine fact sheet for patients (US): <https://www.fda.gov/media/159898/download>
- Current Canadian product monographs for Covid-19 vaccines available in Canada can be found at Health Canada's Drug Product Database (<https://health-products.canada.ca/dpd-bdpp/index-eng.jsp>).

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