

January 25, 2022

MEMO TO: Public Health Units, Hospitals, Pharmacies and Primary Care Providers

FROM: Alison Blair
Associate Deputy Minister, Pandemic Response and Recovery

SUBJECT: **January 2022 - COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory Update**

Thank you for your continued efforts to vaccinate against COVID-19. Public health units, hospitals, pharmacies, and primary care offices ramped up significantly in December and January and, collectively, you have administered over 6M third doses, with over 50 percent of the 18+ population having received a third dose!

This memo updates the Ministry of Health memo sent on December 21, 2021 regarding vaccine inventory.

While the Ministry has always maintained a strong supply of mRNA vaccine to support a full primary series and third dose for every Ontarian, constrained federal supply of the adult Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty vaccine required the Ministry to direct that the product be prioritized for the 12-29 age group. **As the province now has confirmed stable supply of the adult Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty vaccine over the coming weeks, we are eliminating the requirement to prioritize its use for the 12-29 age group at this time.**

The Moderna Spikevax vaccine remains in stable supply in Ontario and can continue to be administered broadly.

While the province's vaccine supply is currently stable, administration must continue to be based on principles including the effectiveness of both vaccines, interchangeability, and minimizing wastage of these globally critical products. Delivery partners will need to maintain responsible use of both mRNA vaccines and ensure that inventory of both is managed effectively. The Ministry will continue to monitor inventory and use of all vaccines.

Starting today, January 25, 2022, public health units can place orders for the adult Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty vaccine through the online portal based on your expected demand and email the Ministry's Logistics and Inventory Management (LIM) team at covid.logistics@ontario.ca if you have any questions.

We will continue to keep you informed of any additional changes to the COVID-19 vaccine supply and inventory landscape as more information becomes available.

Thank you again for both your unfaltering dedication to support Ontario's COVID-19 vaccination campaign and for your partnership in continuing to expand booster dose coverage in Ontario to support the resiliency of our public health system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Blair', with a stylized, cursive script.

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