

MEDICAL MEMO

COVID-19 Vaccination Fall 2025/2026 Implementation Package

TO: Health Care Providers/ Health Care Setting/ Congregate Living Setting

FROM: Vaccine Program

DATE: September 25, 2025

Dear Health Care Providers,

The Ministry of Health is launching vaccination campaigns for COVID-19, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and the universal influenza immunization program (UIIP) for the 2025/2026 fall respiratory season.

Sites that have onboarded with Hamilton Public Health for COVAXon will have access to the 2025/2026 COVID-19 vaccine program. Orders may be placed for your initial allotment with distribution expected to begin late September to early October. Please complete the attached COVID-19 vaccine order form to specify the required number of doses for your initial allotment.

COVID-19 vaccination will continue its importance this fall to protect the health of individuals, families and communities as well as mitigate impacts of respiratory diseases on our healthcare system. Immunization of high priority populations can begin as soon as the vaccine is available. Immunization of the general population can begin on October 27th, 2025.

Key Dates:

- September 22nd – Start date for placing initial orders for COVID-19 vaccine
- October 6th – Start date for placing additional orders of COVID-19 vaccine
- October 27th – COVID-19 vaccine available for general public

Resources including the Health Care Provider letter, Q&A documents, and product monographs, can be found at: [Hamilton Public Health – Respiratory Illness Vaccines](http://www.hamilton.ca/fallrespiratoryvaccines) (www.hamilton.ca/fallrespiratoryvaccines)

Additionally [COVID-19](http://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-vaccine-program) (<http://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-vaccine-program>) information is available on the ministry's website. For tools you can use to help your clients make an informed decision about [COVID-19](https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-vaccines) (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-vaccines>) vaccines, please visit the ministry's website.

Publicly Funded Products

Two products containing the latest selected strain are available this fall: Moderna Spikevax and Pfizer Comirnaty. Both are mRNA vaccines targeted against the omicron LP.8.1 variant.

Moderna will be the vaccine available for children 6 months to 11 years of age. Vaccine allocation and distribution will be based on product availability.

Vaccine Orders

Please complete and return the standard vaccine order form attached to this memo to order your initial doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Orders will be filled based on vaccine availability. You will only receive COVID-19 vaccine once you have submitted an order form.

If you require additional doses of COVID-19 vaccine after your initial shipment, please submit the standard vaccine order form on or after October 15th, 2025. Initially, COVID-19 vaccine should be administered to the high priority populations. Vaccines may be administered to the general population starting October 27th, 2025.

Co-administration

As we move into the fall and prepare for another respiratory season, we ask that you please consider, as appropriate, co-administration of COVID-19 vaccine and influenza vaccines, as well as respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine or monoclonal antibody (MAb) product for eligible individuals whenever possible and appropriate to maximize uptake and protection.

Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI)

Health care professionals are reminded to report adverse events following immunization to the Medical Officer of Health within 7 days of recognizing the reportable event. Please use the Public Health Ontario AEFI form

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/health-topics/immunization/vaccine-safety>

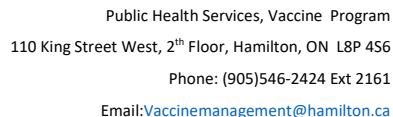
Completed reports should be faxed to Public Health at 1-844-444-0295. For questions related to reporting AEFIs, or to report an AEFI by phone, please call 905-546-2424 extension 7556.

It is not necessary to report expected events such as injection site reactions and mild fever. Unexpected, severe, and unusual adverse events should be reported promptly.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine program, please call 905-546-CITY (2489).

Attachments found at (www.hamilton.ca/covid19vaccine)

1. Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: 2025/2026 COVID-19 Vaccine Program
2. COVID-19: Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidance
3. COVID-19 Vaccine Order Form



Facility name: _____

Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

- | COVID-19 Vaccine Products | Doses in stock | Doses requested |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| For 12 years +
Moderna: -Royal Blue Cap (5 doses/vial)
-Single dose prefilled syringe

Pfizer: -Dark Grey Cap (6 doses/vial)
-Light Grey (single dose vial)
-Single dose prefilled syringe | | |
| For 5 years-11 years
Moderna: -Royal Blue Cap (10 doses/vial)

Pfizer: -Dark Blue Cap (6 doses/vial)
-Light Grey Cap (single dose vial) | | |
| For 6 months-5 years
Moderna: Royal Blue Cap (10 doses/vial)

Pfizer: Yellow Cap (3 doses/vial) | | |
| <p align="center"> <i>**Orders will be filled based on product availability**</i>
 <i>Vaccine orders will only be processed when accompanied by the most current 4 weeks of temperature log (including up to present day)</i>
 <i>Please allow up to 4 business days for us to process your order</i> </p> | | |