
COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

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IMPORTANT/NEW COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- Interim Clinical Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccines - Updated
- Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine - Updated S&H Guidance
- ALL Bivalent Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccines and Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted (Original monovalent) - Remove from Physical Inventory

Interim Clinical Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccines - Updated

[The Interim Clinical Considerations](#) for the use of COVID-19 vaccines in the United States was updated October 6, 2023. Summary of the recent changes include:

- The updated 2023–2024 formulation of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine is recommended for people ages 12 years and older as follows:
 - Initial vaccination: 2 doses of updated (2023–2024 Formula) Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine
 - Previously vaccinated with any Original monovalent or bivalent COVID-19 vaccine (Moderna, Novavax, Pfizer-BioNTech, Janssen): 1 dose of updated (2023–2024 Formula) Novavax Vaccine
- People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may receive 1 or more additional updated (2023–2024 Formula) Novavax vaccine doses.
- People ages 12 years and older have the option of receiving either the updated (2023–2024 Formula) mRNA (Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech) or updated (2023–2024 Formula) Novavax vaccine.

Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine - Updated S&H Guidance

On October 3, 2023, the Food and Drug Administration [amended the emergency use authorization](#) (EUA) of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted to include the 2023-2024 formula. [The Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted \(Original monovalent\)](#) is no longer authorized for use in the United States. **Novavax is now available to order for VFC and BAP providers in IRIS.** Orders may be reduced based upon product availability.

Vaccine Storage and Handling - Updated

- Store unpunctured multi-dose vials in the refrigerator between 2 to 8°C (36 to 46°F).
- Do not freeze. After the first needle puncture, hold the vial between 2 to 25°C (36 to 77°F).
Discard the vial **12** hours after the first puncture.
- The vials have a royal **blue** cap.

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

- [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine](#)
 - [Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)
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ALL BIVALENT Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccines and Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted (Original monovalent) - Remove Physical Inventory

Bivalent Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines are no longer authorized for use in the United States. Additionally, Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted (Original monovalent) is no longer authorized for use in the United States. **The Iowa Immunization Program has removed Moderna and Pfizer BIVALENT mRNA and Novavax original monovalent COVID-19 vaccines from IRIS inventory.** Providers do not need to take additional action in IRIS regarding these vaccines.

To minimize the risk of vaccine administration errors, providers should:

- Remove all bivalent mRNA vaccine from storage units immediately, even if the vaccine is not expired. This includes both EUA and BLA products (Comirnaty and Spikevax).
- Remove all Novavax original monovalent vaccine from storage units immediately, even if the vaccine is not expired.
- Dispose of all bivalent mRNA COVID-19 and Novavax original monovalent vaccine vials in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.
- IRIS staff are available to help manage IRIS inventory by calling 800-374-3958.