

MEMO

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Pfizer and Moderna KP.2 COVID-19 Vaccines
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To: Health Care Providers, LTCHs, RHs, and Hospitals
From: WDGPH Vaccine and Medication Administrators

Dear Health Care Provider,

The Ontario Ministry of Health has confirmed the withdrawal of all Pfizer KP.2 COVID-19 vaccines across Canada. Moderna KP.2 vaccines have already expired. Both KP.2 COVID-19 vaccines were the ones we distributed and administered during the 2024/25 season.

This step is part of the Health Canada process to transition to the updated Pfizer and Moderna LP.8.1 formulations, which will be used for the upcoming 2025 fall respiratory illness season.

Action Required:

- If your site has Pfizer KP.2 vaccine on hand, please dispose of it in a sharps bin immediately.
- Report this wastage to Public Health right away so that our team can update the inventory in COVaxON.
- No action is required for sites that do not have this product.

With the withdrawal of Pfizer KP.2 and the expiry of Moderna KP.2, there will be no COVID-19 vaccines available until the new LP.8.1 formulation is released. Please continue to counsel patients that vaccination with the updated LP.8.1 formulation is recommended once it becomes available, as per National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) guidance. The new formulation is expected to offer stronger protection against circulating strains.

The LP.8.1 vaccines are anticipated to be distributed in Ontario by **late September 2025**. Additional details, including guidance on fall vaccination programs, will be shared once supply is available.

If you have any questions, please contact your Vaccine and Medication Administrator:
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