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**SUBJECT: Shelf-Life Extension for Moderna Monovalent COVID-19 Vaccines and
Discontinuation of Moderna Infant COVID-19 Vaccine**

Dear Health Care Providers:

Shelf-Life Extension for Moderna Monovalent Vaccines from 9 Months to 12 Months

On January 13, 2023, Health Canada authorized a shelf-life extension for Moderna monovalent vaccines from **9 months from the date of manufacture to 12 months from the date of manufacture**. The extension applies to the following two lots of Moderna monovalent vaccines.

Product	Lot #	Original Expiry	New Expiry Date
Moderna (Red cap, light blue label)	010D22A	2023-01-21	2023-04-21
Moderna (Red cap, light blue label)	011D22A	2023-01-22	2023-04-22

So long as these lots have been stored in a freezer at -25°C to -15°C (-58°F to -5°F), they can be safely used for up to 12 months from the date of manufacture.

Once received, frozen vials may be immediately transferred to the refrigerator [2°C to 8°C (35°F to 46°F)], thawed and stored for a single period of up to 30 days within the 12-month shelf-life. **The 30 days refrigerated expiry date should be recorded on the carton at the time of transfer.**

The Public Health Information Management System (PHIMS) is updated with the new expiry dates.

The Storage and Handling Quick Reference is located online at https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covidvaccine/storage-handling-chart.pdf for further information on the various COVID-19 products and their storage limitations once thawed and punctured.

The Moderna Quick Reference Guide can be found at:
https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covidvaccine/2022-12-12-moderna-qrg.pdf.

An updated product monograph can be found at:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/resources.html#productmonographs>.

Discontinuation of Moderna Infant COVID-19 Vaccine (25 mcg)

As stated in the letter sent to health care providers on November 8, 2022 outlining the limited supply of Moderna infant COVID-19 vaccine (25mcg), and further to the reminder sent via email to channel partners on December 15, 2022, Manitoba's stock is now depleted and no further shipments will be received from our federal partners.

If you have any remaining Moderna infant COVID-19 vaccine (25 mcg) please try to use it up before it has reached the end of its 30-day refrigeration storage limit. Any unopened remaining stock that has reached its 30-day refrigeration storage limit should be returned to the provincial vaccine warehouse for proper disposal.

For those children that still need to complete their primary series, please use the Pfizer infant COVID-19 vaccine (3mcg). An additional two doses will need to be administered with an 8 week interval between doses.

Further information on all Moderna COVID-19 vaccine products can be found on their website <https://www.modernatx.com/en-CA/products-list>.

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine product information can be found at: <https://www.pfizer.ca/en/our-products/pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-covid-19-mrna-vaccine>

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility/clinic.

Sincerely,

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