

Mobile Team Vaccine – FAQs

Moderna Vaccine

1. How can I extract an extra dose (eleventh dose) from a Moderna vaccine vial?

The best way to extract at least 11 doses from a vial is to use the Vanishpoint 25 g 1cc syringe. If you use regular 25 gauge needles and 3 cc syringes, you will be able to draw 10 doses per vial. **NOTE:** Do not use blunt needles to draw. For a quick demonstration on this technique you can view an instructional video [here](#).

2. What should we do with the empty vials?

Empty vials do not need to be tracked and can be disposed of in an appropriate sharps disposal container located at each vaccination station.

3. I had some vaccine left in the vial, but not enough for a full dose. Is it acceptable to mix vials to make up a full dose.

No, vials **cannot** be mixed, even if they are from the same lot number. Please see the instructional video on how to extract 11 doses from each vial [here](#).

4. Additional vaccine doses were left over at the end of clinic, can the medical director or other staff take them to vaccinate family members?

At this time only priority populations (front line health care workers, vulnerable populations, etc.) are allowed to receive the vaccine. Failure to comply with this directive can subject the person to disciplinary action. In addition, movement of the vials once they are thawed can lead to shearing of the vaccine components leading to ineffectiveness.

5. What if the site does not have a fridge?

If the site does not have a fridge, they can put the vaccine in a room temperature environment that is secure and away from excessive light. Once thawed, the vaccine will expire after 12 hours at room temperature (6 hours if punctured).

6. Is there information on aftercare available?

After care information is provided by the Ministry and is available online, [After Care Sheet for COVID-19 Vaccine](#).

Consent

1. What happens if a substitution decision maker (SDM) does not have a printer and instead provides consent over email or telephone?

It is preferred that consents are collected as a paper version and kept in the client's record. This is the site's responsibility. They may choose to accept email consents as a temporary measure, and should look to obtain a paper consent when possible. The site will be required to provide proof of consent before vaccination. For example, a filled in consent form with the name of the SDM who participated in the telephone call, their contact information and the date/time of the call.

2. Do patients, ECGs and staff need a consent for the second dose?

Consent for dose 1 included dose 2 administration within 21-28 days. All residents, staff and ECGs must be reassessed before dose 2 following the screening criteria. Resident reassessment should be completed by a clinician. Staff and ECGs should review eligibility criteria on the consent form to ensure they still meet all criteria, talk to their primary care provider as required and flag the LTCH/RH if they do not.

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3. Can we get implied consent and how do we document it?

Consent must be informed, explicit and documented.

Administration

1. What do I do if a client, ECG or staff member is not covered by OHIP?

Proof of OHIP, IFM and/or private insurance coverage are not required fields in COVax (the provincial registry).

2. Is there anything given to essential care partners (ECPs) or staff after they receive the vaccine?

ECPs and staff are given a receipt once they receive their vaccinations. This will be their record of which vaccine they received and when. The form used to do this is the bottom of the “**C-19 Data Entry Form**” provided by the Ministry. The information that is uploaded into COVax will be the one source of truth for vaccine information.

Second Dose

1. When will we do the second dose?

The second dose of the Moderna vaccination should be administered as per the manufacturer's guidelines. LTCH/RH's supported by the Mobile Vaccine Team will be contacted with their second dose date.

2. What if we have new residents coming in, or if a resident that has received dose 1 has been transferred to another facility of community

LTCH/RH's are responsible for tracking the movement of their residents as it relates to the COVID-19 vaccine. Information on resident doses should be provided on discharge and requested on admission. If the resident's dose two lines up with when the home's dose two is scheduled it can be provided on that date. If the resident requires their dose two on a separate date contact the Mobile Team Vaccine to plan for the resident's vaccination. If a resident that was in your care for their dose one has been discharged when we plan dose two, we will work together for them to receive the vaccine at their new facility, if they are in community we will ask you to bring them in for the vaccination.

COVax Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I register for COVax?

Please email mobilevaccinationteam@uhn.ca and they will work with you to get your team registered for COVax.

2. When must my dosage information be entered?

Best practice is to input dosage information into COVax as soon as possible following vaccination. If the Mobile Team Vaccine is supporting your documentation, please submit the information to us by secure portal no more than 24 hours after your clinic.