

## COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE #101 FROM HALTON REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, other Healthcare Providers

FROM Dr. Joanna Oda, Associate Medical Officer of Health:

DATE: February 24, 2023

RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Update 101: Starting March 9, temporary, 6 week supply interruption of Infant Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for children 6 months to 5 years

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### QUICK FACTS

- Starting Thursday, March 9, 2023 across Canada, there will be a temporary supply interruption (up to six weeks) of Infant Moderna COVID-19 vaccine impacting children ages 6 months to  $\leq$  5 years.
- The Ministry of Health is emailing families of children who are due to receive a second dose of Infant Moderna during the time of interruption.
- Children seeking for a dose of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine during the supply interruption may:
  - a. Have the child receive their next dose on or before Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (if the minimum interval of 28 days has passed);
  - b. Wait for the next dose until supply is restored: this is a feasible and safe option. Note that a delayed dose is valid and does not require restarting the series;
  - c. Receive a dose of [Infant Pfizer-BioNTech](#) (which is a three-dose series).
- During the time of anticipated interruption in the supply of Infant Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Halton Region COVID-19 community clinics (all ages 6 months+) will offer the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to children 6 months to  $\leq$  5 years of age by appointment and walk in. Clinic location and hours are posted on [Halton's website](#).

### KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- Moderna will continue to be offered until March 8.
- Use of the same vaccine product to complete the primary series in this age group continues to be preferred whenever possible. However, mixed series are still considered valid
  - For children who receive a dose of Infant Pfizer, completion of the primary series requires three doses.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance](#)
- [Sick Kids' COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#) – 1-888-304-6558

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) (only report COVID-19 cases occurring in high-risk settings) to Public Health immediately by calling 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

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