

Provincial Partner Oversight Team News

Winter 2025

New Year Reminders

The Seasonal Immunization program should be complete or nearly complete. RSV vaccine is available to all residents 60 years of age and older and should be administered at least 2 weeks before or after influenza and COVID-19 vaccines and spaced 6 weeks from other vaccines.

The risk of respiratory illness continues to be higher during the winter months and into the spring. Immunization, hand washing, and other infection prevention measures help to reduce transmission of illness.

Attention In-house Providers

There is more than one expiry date for COVID-19 vaccines. Upon receipt of the COVID-19 vaccine, confirm the thaw expiry date written on the packaging. Additionally, once a vial is punctured, the date and time should be written on the vial. Refer to the storage section of the [COVID-19 Information page](#). If you have any Covid-19 vaccine, please note the following:

[Moderna](#)

Thawed, unpunctured vials can be stored at +2°C to +8°C for up to 50 days.

[Pfizer](#)

Thawed, unpunctured vials can be stored at +2°C to +8°C for up to 10 weeks.



Best practice is:

- Completing the [Orientation Requirements](#) so you are prepared to administer vaccines.
- Following the 7 rights of vaccine administration:
 - The right resident/staff
 - The right vaccine
 - The right dose
 - The right route
 - The right time
 - The right reason
 - The right documentation.
- Completing the [Fit to Immunize](#) assessment with the resident/staff at the time of immunization.
- Drawing up the vaccine just before administration (do not pre-draw).
- Administering vaccines (for example influenza and COVID-19) in separate limbs, in case of an adverse reaction.
- Monitoring residents/staff for signs of anaphylaxis for 15 minutes following immunization.
- Completing documentation for every vaccine administered.

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