



Australian Government



# Primary Care Vaccine Roll-out

## Provider Bulletin

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*Bulletins provide you with regular updates and guidance on the COVID-19 Vaccine Program.*

### Key Messages

#### VACCINE UPDATE

#### Moderna Bivalent (Blue/Green) and Pfizer Bivalent (BA.1) 18 years+ (Grey) allocations

Following the ATAGI 2023 Booster announcement, which has resulted in an increased demand in orders of Moderna Bivalent 18 years+ (Blue/Green), allocations for all primary care sites will be reduced to 100 doses per fortnight. This reduction will **only** occur for Moderna Bivalent 18 years+ (Blue/Green). Allocation changes will take place from the ordering window commencing **Saturday 11 February**.

The existing Pfizer Bivalent (BA.1) 18 years+ (Grey) product (recently renamed in CVAS from Pfizer Bivalent (Grey)) will continue to be available as a booster dose, with Pfizer Bivalent (BA.4-5) 12 years+ (Grey) also available for administration from 6 March 2023. Novavax can be used as a Booster for those patients who are unable or prefer not to have mRNA vaccines.

Pfizer Bivalent (BA.1) 18 years+ (Grey) allocations were increased to 600 a fortnight on ordering window commencing **Saturday 4 February**, so overall site bivalent vaccine allocations are much higher than at the beginning of February to account for additional demand requirements following the Government's acceptance of ATAGI's advice.

If you would like to commence administering a new vaccine you are able to submit a request in CVAS to activate access to one or more vaccine products.

There are more than sufficient doses of bivalent vaccines to ensure everyone in Australia eligible for a 2023 booster dose can receive it. Recent increases to vaccine allocations mean that sites have increased access to vaccines, ensuring equitable access and management of supply.

If you urgently require additional stock you can reach out to any nearby vaccination sites administering COVID-19 vaccines who may have excess doses available for redistribution or your PHN who may be able to assist you.

Sites can share stock with another site who have signed a site declaration for that vaccine. Practices are free to transfer vaccines to other sites that are enabled for the same vaccine, without seeking approval from the Department or their PHN. You just need to report all transfers and receipt of transfers in CVAS as part of the weekly Stock Management Reporting.

- To submit a request, sites can log into the CVAS portal, navigate to the 'Manage Account' tab and click the 'Update Vaccine Access' button and follow the prompts.
- To help sites easily identify what vaccine products they currently have access to, when submitting a request there is a 'View Existing Vaccine Access' button. This button can be clicked to open a new tab, showing a summary of all vaccine products the site is currently approved to order.

## HEALTHDIRECT UPDATE

### Healthdirect Australia Service Finder to help with COVID-19 vaccine bookings

Vaccine Clinic Finder (VCF) is joining forces with Healthdirect's Service Finder as a new and improved platform that will support consumer access to a comprehensive range of healthcare services online. This will include finding and booking influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations for the 2023 winter season.

Other features of the updated Service Finder will include:

- an updated user interface
- guided search
- multi-language support

In time the updated Service Finder is going to replace VCF as the best place for consumers to find and book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment. In the coming weeks, we will share more information about Service Finder and any changes to managing your vaccine services information.