



Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



COVID-19 Vaccine Reminders and Moderna Transfer Update

Transferring Vaccine

In exceptional circumstances, COVID-19 vaccines need to be transferred to another participating pharmacy (i.e., where there is a risk of unused vaccine wastage). This is a reminder to pharmacies who intend to transfer COVID-19 vaccines to notify the Ministry of Health (MOH) of the transfer.

Pharmacies can contact the MOH by emailing OPDPInfoBox@ontario with the following information

- Pharmacy Contact Information and ON Provider # of transferring pharmacy
- Pharmacy Contact Information and ON Provider # of receiving pharmacy
- # of doses being transferred
- Vaccine name, lot #, expiry date
- Reason for transfer

In circumstances where vaccines need to be transferred, only unused vials may be transferred. Pharmacies are to adhere to vaccine storage and handling guidelines and any specific references made to transferring vaccine. Doses transferred must be logged into COVAX_{ON} system for proper system-wide inventory management.

NOTE: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine **CANNOT** be transferred due to special transportation requirements for storage and handling. Pharmacies are advised to notify the MOH of vaccines transferred/accepted transfers from primary care providers or their local public health units.

See the [Ministry website](#) for latest program updates and communications. General inquiries and concerns related to compliance with the MOH's program can be directed to OPDPInfoBox@Ontario.ca. Concerns related to professional practice can also be sent to the **Ontario College of Pharmacists** at concerns@ocpinfo.com

905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | durham.ca/health

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.



Moderna Transfer Update

In recent communication from Mckesson regarding Moderna delivery and the MOH advice to contact local Public Health Unit (PHU), the Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) is informing all pharmacies that the DRHD is unable to provide Moderna vaccine at this time.

The DRHD no longer has thawed Moderna vaccine in stock for transfer to pharmacies. As a result, the DRHD is unable to fill Moderna vaccine orders. Pharmacies in need of Moderna vaccine are advised to continue to communicate with distributors to replenish stock.

Thank you for your support in promoting and providing COVID-19 vaccine to the Durham Region community.

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