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Dear COVID-19 Vaccination Provider:

New York State has received a **limited** allocation of Pfizer 12+ bivalent single dose vials (SDVs). The introduction of SDVs is designed to improve vaccine access and equity by enabling providers that are unable to use the larger multi-dose vials (MDVs) to offer bivalent boosters. The minimum ordering quantity is 50 doses (50 vials). Due to limited supply, providers approved to receive SDVs will have their orders capped at 50 doses.

Not all providers are expected to transition to single dose vials at this time. Due to limited supply, pharmacies will not have single dose vials added for ordering during initial rollout and should continue to order MDVs. This is consistent with rollout to Federal Pharmacy Program providers, which will take place in January. **For non-pharmacy providers, ordering in NYSIIS will begin Monday, November 14, 2022.**

Providers ordering SDVs should be able to administer all 50 doses (within expiry or BUD). No wastage please! This limited introduction of single-dose vials is designed to allow the updated COVID-19 vaccines to be offered in more places, such as physicians' offices that may not have the capacity or demand to keep multi-dose vials of COVID-19 vaccine on hand. The following providers are recommended for SDVs:

- Providers that have not yet administered Pfizer 12+ bivalent due to MDVs
- Providers that have relied on redistribution to obtain smaller quantity of MDVs rather than direct orders
- Providers that have been directly ordering Pfizer 12+ bivalent MDVs but have high volume of waste due to open vials or expiry/BUD prior to using all vials (small patient population such as rural providers)

Providers that have ULT storage or can administer at least 50 doses of Pfizer 12+ bivalent per month should continue to order MDVs for now. It is anticipated that current Pfizer 12+ MDV ordering minimums will be reduced from 300 doses (50 MDVs) to 180 doses (30 MDVs) after Thanksgiving. More information on this ordering quantity change will be distributed as it becomes available.

Shipping and Packaging Details

- Pfizer 12+ bivalent SDVs ship from Pfizer on dry ice (ultra-frozen).
- Packaging NDC is 59267-1404-02.



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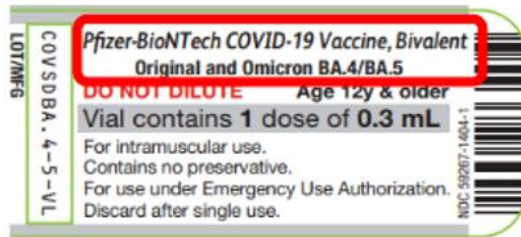
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- Configuration: 10 single dose vials/carton. SDVs are the same size as MDVs, so each order requires same storage space as current 300-dose MDV orders (5 cartons of 10 vials each). Each carton is approximately 1.5" x 1.5" x 3.5".
- **Ancillary kit is NOT included in SDV orders** (no needles, syringes, or vaccination record cards). Single dose vials do not require use of low dead volume (LDV) syringes. It is recommended that providers use surplus from the kits distributed with multi-dose vial orders and/or other appropriate onsite materials for vaccine administration.
- Vials look identical to other Pfizer 12+ vaccines: gray cap and gray vial label borders. Be sure to read the label, which both specifies "Original and Omicron BA.4/BA.5" and "Vial contains 1 dose of 0.3 mL".



**Bivalent
Single Dose Vial**



Storage and Handling

- Store at ultra-low temperatures until expiry OR
- Refrigerate up to 10 weeks within expiry period (do not exceed expiration date)
- NO STANDARD FREEZER storage
- Expiration date lookup: <https://lotexpiry.cvdvaccine.com/>

If you have any questions, please email COVID-19Vaccine@health.ny.gov.

Thank you for your participation in the COVID-19 vaccination program.

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