

COVID-19 Medicago Vaccine - Covifenz

Shipping, Storage, and Use Guidelines

Shipping:

- Transport of vaccine should only be conducted with unpunctured vials in a 2°C to 8°C environment
- Vials should be packaged as to minimize jostling.
- Validated containers must be used for transport.
- Temperature must be monitored continuously during transportation and documented.
- If vaccine is being repackaged for onward distribution, packing should be completed in a 2°C to 8°C environment if possible. If this is not possible, try to repackage the vaccine as quickly as possible to reduce time vaccine is outside of a 2°C to 8°C environment and document accordingly.

Storage:

2°C to 8°C Refrigerator:

- **Unopened vials** of antigen and adjuvant can be stored in a 2°C to 8°C environment until the expiry date on the vials
- The expiry date on the outer cartons, containing the antigen and the adjuvant, is based on the component with the shorter expiry
- **Vials containing the mixed vaccine** cannot be refrigerated

20°C to 30°C Room Temperature (Prior to mixing):

- Antigen and adjuvant vials should be stored at room temperature for at least 20 minutes but no more than 60 minutes prior to reconstitution

20°C to 30°C Room Temperature (mixed vaccine):

- Mixed vaccine must be used within 6 hours
- Protect from light
- Do not refrigerate

Vaccine cannot be frozen
Mixed vaccine cannot be refrigerated

Use:

- Refer to BCCDC immunization manual for detail information on how to prepare vaccine available here
- Record the time of mixing on the antigen vial
- The vaccine must be used within 6 hours of mixing
- Protect from light
- Do not refrigerate

Medicago Covifenz Product Monograph: <https://covid-vaccine.canada.ca/info/pdf/covifenz-pm-en.pdf>

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