

COVID-19 Novavax Vaccine

Shipping, Storage, and Use Guidelines

Shipping:

- Transport of vaccine should only be conducted with unpunctured vials in a 2°C to 8°C environment – exceptions may be made in rare instances for [pre-loaded syringes](#).
- 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.

Storage:

- **Unopened vials** can be kept in a 2°C to 8°C environment until expiry date
- Vials should be kept in outer carton in order to protect from light.
- Vials should be kept upright in their box.
- **Open vials** are stable in a 2°C to 25°C environment for up to a maximum of six hours after the first puncture of the vial.
- **Pre-loaded syringes** are stable in a 2°C to 25°C environment for up to a maximum of six hours after the first puncture of the vial.

Vaccine cannot be frozen.

Use:

- Gently swirl the multidose vial before and in between each dose withdrawal. Do not shake
- Novavax vaccine must not be reconstituted, mixed with other medicinal products, or diluted.

Any questions or requests for revision of this document should be sent to IBCOC_Operations@phsa.ca

List of Amendments

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