

COVID-19 vaccines	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD	Janssen (not available in BC)
Type of Vaccine	mRNA	mRNA	Non-replicating viral vector	Non-replicating viral vector
Date authorized for use in Canada	Dec 9, 2020	Dec 23, 2020	Feb 26, 2021	Mar 5, 2021
Age indication (years of age)	12+	12+	18+	18+
Dose	0.3 mL	0.5 mL	0.5 mL	0.5 mL
Schedule (refer to Notes)	2 doses, 21 days apart	2 doses, 28 days apart	2 doses, 4-12 weeks apart	1 dose
Route of administration	Intramuscular (IM) injection	Intramuscular (IM) injection	Intramuscular (IM) injection	Intramuscular (IM) injection
Dilution required	Yes	No	No	No
Formats available	Multi-dose vial (6 doses)	Multi-dose vial (10 or 14 doses)	Multi-dose vial (8 or 10 doses)	Multi-dose vial (5 doses)

NOTES:

- The information in this table is a quick reference for health care providers only and is not meant to replace the guidelines found in the [BC Immunization Manual – Part 4: Biological Products \(Vaccines & Immune Globulins\)](#).
- The schedules shown above are those authorized by Health Canada. In BC, the preferred interval between doses is 6-8 weeks, except in outbreak communities at the direction of the Medical Health Officer and for individuals who meet approved criteria for an expedited dose 2. As of August 9th, 2021, invitations to book dose 2 will be sent out at 4 weeks after the first dose as outlined on the government of B.C. website. If administration of the second dose is delayed beyond 8 weeks, the series does not need to be restarted.
- The AstraZeneca and COVISHIELD vaccines are no longer being given as a first dose, unless there is a contraindication to the mRNA vaccines or as advised by the Medical Health Officer or an allergist.