

Friday June 7, 2024 - Please see below summary of NB Vaccine News

1. Reminder: End of COVID-19 spring campaign

- **The spring campaign will end June 15 ,2024 for all those eligible with the exception:**

- Long term Care Facilities (NH and ARFs) will cease the spring booster campaign on **June 30, 2024**. Because of outbreaks during the spring campaign, some residents were unable to receive their COVID-19 vaccines.

- We will be implementing a transitional period until the start of the fall booster campaign. During this transition:

- Primary series will continue to be offered for all individuals aged 6 months and older who are unvaccinated. Your primary healthcare provider, pharmacist or Public Health can assess the number of doses required based on your age, previous vaccinations, and your health status.

2. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recently released guidance on the use of COVID-19 vaccines during the fall of 2024. We are reviewing the statement and will communicate our recommendations **in the following weeks**.

3. Moderna has shared an update related to their anticipated manufacturing timelines and the Health Canada approval of thawed vials being transported up to 36h at 2 to 8°C. The product monograph has been updated accordingly [SPIKEVAX XBB1.5 MONOGRAPH](#) . See section 7 in the [2023-2024 New-Brunswick Respiratory Season Vaccine Guide](#).

- **STORAGE, STABILITY AND DISPOSAL:** Transportation of Thawed Vials in Liquid State at 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F)

If transport at -50° to -15°C (-58° to 5°F) is not feasible, available data support transportation of one or more thawed vials in liquid state for up to 36 hours at 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F) when shipped using shipping containers which have been qualified to maintain 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F) and under routine road and air transport conditions with shaking and vibration minimized. Precautions should be taken (packaging/dunnage) to minimize vibration of vials when transporting at this temperature. Once thawed and transported in liquid state at 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F), vials should not be refrozen and should be stored at 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F) until use.