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SUBJECT: In-Vial Transportation of Pfizer/Comirnaty™ COVID-19 Vaccine Preferred

Dear Health Care Providers:

Pfizer recently released a communication that recommended against transporting pre-filled syringes of the Pfizer/Comirnaty™ COVID-19 vaccines that have a gray cap. This would include the following products:

- Pfizer/Comirnaty™ monovalent vaccine for 12 years and older (currently **not** available in Manitoba)
- Pfizer/Comirnaty™ bivalent vaccine for 12 years and older.

Due to the abundance of vaccine available, providers should transport Pfizer/Comirnaty™ COVID-19 vaccine in vials if moving from one site to another (e.g., home visits, between nursing stations). It is still acceptable to transport pre-filled syringes of Pfizer/Comirnaty™ COVID-19 vaccine within a clinic or building so long as the vaccine is administered within 12 hours of first puncture of the vial.

If transporting Pfizer/Comirnaty™ COVID-19 vaccine in pre-filled syringes outside of a clinic or building is the only opportunity to administer a vaccine to a client, then providers may do so. However, please limit the use of this option as much as possible.

Please see updated Storage and Handling Quick Reference located online at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/healthcare-professionals.html> for further information on the various COVID-19 products and their storage limitations once thawed and punctured.

Thank you.