

COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Pfizer-BioNTech</a>	<a href="#">Moderna</a>	<a href="#">AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD</a>	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+	18+	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. However, the current interval between doses in B.C. is based on vaccine supply and operational recommendations as outlined on the [government of B.C. website](#). As of May 27, 2021, the recommended interval between dose 1 and 2 is 8 weeks. If administration of the second dose is delayed, 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.