

COVID-19 Janssen 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 their expiry date.
- Vials should be kept in their original box, if possible (expiry date may be printed on the box in some instances).
- Vials should be kept away from direct sunlight to prevent prolonged light exposure.
- **Open vials** are stable in a 2°C to 8°C environment for up to a maximum of six hours after the first puncture of the vial.
- **Open vials** are stable at room temperature (maximally 25°C) for up to three hours after the first puncture of the vial.
- **Janssen vaccine must not be frozen.**

Use:

- Janssen vaccine must not be reconstituted, mixed with other medicinal products, or diluted.

Janssen Product Monograph: <https://covid-vaccine.canada.ca/info/pdf/janssen-covid-19-vaccine-pm-en.pdf>

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