

Alberta Vaccine Inventory (AVI) and provincially funded vaccine updates

dTap to Tdap

Alberta will be aligning our vaccine name, dTap (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis) and dTap-IPV (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis and inactivated polio) with the national standards and naming convention. We will transition the dTap vaccine codes to Tdap. From **April 4, 2024** to **April 7, 2024**, you may see both vaccine codes, dTap/Tdap and dTap-IPV/Tdap-IPV, in Albertans' electronic immunization records. There have been no changes to product branding, ingredients or formulation; this change is solely related to the vaccine code name and will affect the information systems which populate the electronic records that Albertans and some health practitioners view. After **April 7**, all records will show as Tdap/Tdap-IPV. As both vaccines are the same, please consider both vaccine codes when doing an immunization assessment.

dTap to Tdap transition in AVI and Immunization Direct Submission Mechanism (IDSM)

By the end of March, the AVI system and IDSM will update the vaccine product descriptions. They will transition from using "dTap" (diphtheria/tetanus/acellular pertussis) to "Tdap" (tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis).

Tdap product switch

Provincially funded Tdap—transition from Adacel 5 dose/pkg to Boostrix 10 dose/pkg

The provincially funded Tdap product currently available to pharmacies is Adacel 5 dose/package (manufactured by Sanofi). In the upcoming months pharmacies will be transitioned from Adacel to Boostrix 10 dose/package (manufactured by GSK). The Adacel 5 dose/pkg will be depleted by your pharmacy wholesale distributor before they transition to the Boostrix 10 dose/package.

AVI compliance updates

Alberta Health would like to inform you of the forthcoming changes to the AVI responsibilities and expectations. To reduce the possibility of expired and withdrawn vaccines being given to Albertans, additional actions to be conducted in AVI for withdrawn and expired vaccines will be added to the AVI Responsibilities and Expectations document starting **April 1, 2024**.

Please watch for an email from Alberta Health titled "Expired/Withdrawn Vaccine in AVI" in April and May. This email will identify all vaccine still in your inventory that has either expired or been withdrawn. Your actions would include disposing the vaccine on site and reconciling out the expired and withdrawn vaccine in AVI. Non-compliance with the new responsibilities will affect your compliance rate in June and onwards. Outstanding expired and withdrawn vaccine will be included as a non-compliant event in your monthly AVI Compliance Report email. To ensure your pharmacy is compliant by June, the new responsibilities must be completed starting **June 3, 2024**.

For more information on the upcoming responsibilities see the AVI Responsibilities and Expectations document found on the AVI home page (<https://vimsavi.alberta.ca/prod/>).

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Responsibility	Responsibility guidelines	Non-compliance guidelines
<p>Provincially funded vaccine— remove expired vaccine</p>	<p>Vaccines that have expired must be reconciled out of AVI inventory within 30 days of expiring.</p> <p>On the Reconcile Inventory screen, the lot and expiry of vaccines that will expire within 30 days will be highlighted in yellow.</p> <p>On the Reconcile Inventory screen, the lot and expiry of vaccines that have expired will be highlighted in red.</p>	<p>Every Monday before 21:00h (9 p.m.), facilities (including pharmacies and physician clinics) must reconcile out expired vaccine and ensure it is removed from their physical inventory.</p> <p>Facilities with vaccine in their inventory that has been expired for 30 days or more will be considered non-compliant.</p> <p>Example: on August 1, 2024, a facility holding vaccine that expired on or before July 2, 2024 would be considered non-compliant.</p>
<p>Provincially funded vaccine— remove withdrawn vaccine</p> <p>Withdrawn vaccine: provincially funded vaccine or vaccine lots that facilities have been instructed to remove from inventory by Alberta Health.</p>	<p>Instructions to withdraw provincially funded vaccines will be provided through a pharmacy benefact or an email from Alberta Health. Withdrawn vaccines or lots will also be posted on the AVI login page. Once announcements have been made, facilities have 30 days to make sure the vaccine has been disposed of onsite and to reconcile out the vaccine in AVI.</p>	<p>Every Monday before 21:00h (9 p.m.), facilities (including pharmacies and physician clinics) must reconcile out withdrawn vaccine and ensure it is removed from their physical inventory.</p> <p>Facilities with vaccine in their inventory that has been withdrawn 30 days or more before will be considered non-compliant.</p> <p>Example: on August 1, 2024, a facility holding vaccine that was withdrawn on or before July 2, 2024 would be considered non-compliant.</p>

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at

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 403-294-4041 (Calgary and area)
 1-800-361-9632 (toll free)
 FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area)
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