



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
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Dear Provider,

On November 1, 2023, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released [important information](#) to ensure correct administration of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (2023-2024 formula) for individuals 6 months through 11 years.

Providers who administer the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (2023-2024 formula) to individuals ages 6 months through 11 years should ensure that the correct volume of the vaccine (0.25 mL) is withdrawn from the vial and administered to the recipient. Providers should discard the vial and excess volume after extracting a single 0.25mL dose. Excess volume should not be used to administer an additional dose. Additionally, never combine partial doses from multiple vials to make one dose for a patient.

FDA shared this information after learning some healthcare providers may not recognize that the single dose vial of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (2023-2024 formula) contains more than 0.25 ml of the vaccine and that providers may be withdrawing the entire contents of the vial to administer to an individual. FDA has not identified any safety risks associated with administration of the higher dose in individuals 6 months through 11 years of age, and no serious adverse events related to this issue have been identified.

For additional information, see the [FDA announcement](#) and the updated [Moderna fact sheet](#).

Thank you for your continuing efforts to protect NYC residents from vaccine-preventable illnesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bindy Crouch'.

Bindy Crouch, MD, MPH
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