

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: November 10, 2022
Re: Caution when Administering Look-Alike COVID-19 Vaccines

Pharmacies are currently administering several dosage forms of the COVID-19 vaccine. The appearance of the vials and packaging between the ancestral and bivalent products of the COVID-19 vaccines is very similar and increases the risk of product mix-ups and administration errors.

Please take extra precaution to ensure:

- that the vaccine being administered is the most appropriate for the individual
- that it is the vaccine that the person believes they have consented to receive
- that the dose of the vaccine being administered is correct

Practitioners are encouraged to review [Nova Scotia Health's Safety Alert Regarding Look-Alike COVID-19 Vaccines](#).