**Redistribution Guidance – Moderna COVID-19 vaccine (as of 01/04/2021)**

Moderna COVID-19 vaccine:

* Minimum order of 100 doses per carton.
* 10 dose multi-dose vial.
* Unpunctured can be stored at -15 to -25°C until expiration date. When unpunctured, vials can be stored refrigerated at 2-8°C for 30 days.
* Once thawed, vaccine cannot be refrozen.
* Punctured/opened multi-dose vial must be used within 6 hours.
* Recommended that each site administering vaccine receive a direct shipment.

**Redistribution**of vaccine may be required in some instances. Prior to redistribution, preferably 24 hours, provides should email the COVID-19 Vaccine Transfer form to the Vaccine Management Unit. Based on information to date from the manufacturer, for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, the following general principles for vaccine redistribution should be considered:

* Once a vial of vaccine has been thawed, it may be stored refrigerated at 2-8°C for up to 30 days.
* Once thawed, the vaccine cannot be re-frozen.
* When thawed, the vaccine should be handled with care and protected from shocks, drops, vibration, etc.
* Vaccine being transported at temperatures others than frozen (-15 to -25°C) should begin with the vaccine in the frozen state if at all possible.

Transportation when thawed

* Punctured vials should not be transported.
* Care must be taken to ensure vaccine does not re-freeze during transport.
* Vaccine must be protected as much as possible from drops, shocks, and vibration whether in the carton, vial, case or cooler.
* Vaccine should be transported in the carton whenever possible.
* If transport must be conducted at the vial level, the vial should be placed with padding material like bubble wrap to minimize movement during transport.
* Transport in insulated containers qualified to maintain 2-8°C for the duration of transport.
* Secured transport containers to prevent unnecessary movement.
* Allowable timelines for transport of thawed vaccine are shown below.  Total transport time should not exceed 12 hours in total.
	+ Transport while walking or using hand cart: not to exceed 1 hour
	+ Vehicle transport:  not to exceed 12 hours

Receiving

* Upon receipt, confirm vaccine temperature and store vaccine at appropriate temperatures.
* Vaccine should only be transported one time and should not be transported back again to the point of origin or to a new location.