



CIRCULAR NO. H.....<sup>2</sup>...../2024

TO: DDG: CHIEF OF OPERATIONS/ CHIEF DIRECTORS/ DIRECTORS/ HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS  
HEAD OF HEALTH: CITY OF CAPE TOWN  
N.B. FOR CIRCULATION TO ALL MEDICAL, PARAMEDICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL & NURSING  
PERSONNEL

**PFIZER COMIRNATY® PAEDIATRIC VACCINE SUPPLY UPDATE**

Please refer to the attached circular which provides details regarding the extension of the expiry date of the Pfizer Comirnaty® paediatric vaccine.

Please be advised that circular H82 of 2023 (VACCINATION OF CHILDREN 5- 11 YEARS OLD AT RISK OF SEVERE COVID DISEASE) is still in effect. Please liaise with Melanie Holtman, [Melanie.Holtman@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Melanie.Holtman@westerncape.gov.za) to indicate quantities of vaccine required. The Cape Medical Depot (CMD) will place orders accordingly.

Your co-operation is highly appreciated.

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DIRECTOR: MEDICINE MANAGEMENT, BLOOD AND LABORATORY SERVICES SUPPORT

DATE: 11/01/24



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**TO:**  
**HEADS OF PROVINCIAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS**  
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**DISTRICT AND PHC MANAGERS**  
**COVID-19 VACCINE PROGRAMME MANAGERS**  
**COVID-19 VACCINATION SITE MANAGERS**

**EXPIRY DATE OF COMIRNATY® PAEDIATRIC VACCINE (MRNA COVID-19 VACCINE) FROM PFIZER-BIONTECH – 6-MONTH EXTENSION ON SHELF LIFE WHEN STORED BETWEEN -90°C AND -60°C**

The manufacturer submitted new stability data to SAHPRA for review and approval of the **Comirnaty® dilute to use Paediatric Vaccine**. Based on the data available, SAHPRA has approved a further 6-month extension of the shelf-life for all paediatric vaccines when stored between -90°C and -60°C, resulting in a total shelf life of **24 months** from the date of manufacture. This shelf-life extension applies to the Pfizer batch listed in the attached table. The extension does not apply if the vaccine doses have already been moved to 2-8°C storage.

The table attached indicates the printed expiry date on the vials and vaccine cartons and the new expiry date following this extension.

**NOTE:** The shelf life at 2-8°C storage is for up to 10 weeks. The expiry date should be updated as applicable when the vaccines move through the supply chain.

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**MS K JAMALOODIEN**  
**CHIEF DIRECTOR: SECTOR-WIDE PROCUREMENT**  
**DATE: 09 JANUARY 2024**

Batch number	Printed Expiry Date	First Extended Expiry Date	New Expiry Date
GG3661	30-Jun-23	31-Dec-23	30-Jun-24

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