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FOR ATTENTION: RESPONSIBLE PHARMACISTS, PHARMACISTS, PHARMACIST ASSISTANTS, AUTHORISED PRESCRIBERS, FACILITY MANAGERS

EXPIRY DATE OF COMIRNATY® VACCINE (MRNA COVID-19 VACCINE) FROM PFIZER- BIONTECH

Kindly note the extension of all the Comirnaty® vaccine from 6 months to 9 months when stored at intended long term storage conditions of -90°C and -60°C.

The affected batch numbers are found on page 2 of the attached NDoH circular.

Yours sincerely

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The circular dated 19 October 2021 refers, indicating that the latest storage stability data reviewed by SAHPRA and the storage conditions of all batches of Comirnaty® Vaccine has been extended from 6 months to 9 months when stored at intended long term storage conditions of -90°C and -60°C. In the table attached, the expiry date of vaccines with these batch numbers, which currently appear on the vial, outer container and shipper, should therefore be extended by 3 months. Three batches (green highlight) have been added list.

NOTE: The shelf life at -20°C storage (14 days) and 2-8°C storage (31 days) does not change; the expiry date should, therefore, still be updated as applicable when the vaccines move through the supply chain.

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DIRECTOR: AFFORDABLE MEDICINE
DATE: 04 December 2021

Batch number	Printed Expiry Date	New Expiry Date
FA7812	30-Sep-21	31-Dec-21
FC3558	30-Sep-21	31-Dec-21
FD0927	30-Sep-21	31-Dec-21
FC1426	31-Oct-21	31-Jan-22
FE2090	31-Oct-21	31-Jan-22
FE3064	31-Oct-21	31-Jan-22
FC5029	31-Oct-21	31-Jan-22
FE9174	31-Oct-21	31-Jan-22
FE3430	31-Oct-21	31-Jan-22
FE7053	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
EY0581	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
EY0582	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
FG4421	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
FD7220	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
FG8643	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
FG2975	30-Nov-21	28-Feb-22
FG7372	31-Dec-21	31-Mar-22
FG7369	31-Dec-21	31-Mar-22
FF5111	31-Dec-21	31-Mar-22
FG7900	31-Dec-21	31-Mar-22
FH0160	31-Dec-21	31-Mar-22
FJ5782	31-Dec-21	31-Mar-22
FK0112	31-Jan-22	30-Apr-22
FK0115	31-Jan-22	30-Apr-22
PCA0033	28-Feb-22	31-May-22
PCA0034	28-Feb-22	31-May-22
PCA0038	28-Feb-22	31-May-22