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SUBJECT: Shelf-Life Extension for Tromethamine-Containing Pfizer Monovalent Vaccines from 12 Months to 18 Months

Dear Health Care Providers:

On December 22, 2022, Health Canada authorized a shelf-life extension for Pfizer monovalent vaccines from **12 months to 18 months from date of manufacture**. The extension applies to the following five lots of Pfizer monovalent vaccines.

Product	Lot #	Original Expiry	Previous Extension	New Expiry Date
Pfizer Pediatric (Orange cap)	FK5618	2022-02-28	2022-08-31	2023-02-28
Pfizer Pediatric (Orange cap)	FL4211	2022-03-30	2022-09-30	2023-03-31
Comirnaty (Pfizer) (Grey cap)	FX4343	2023-01-31	-	2023-07-31
Pfizer Pediatric (Orange cap)	FX9154	2023-02-28	-	2023-08-28
Pfizer Infant Pediatric (Maroon cap)	FY3680	2023-02-28	-	2023-08-28

So long as these lots have been stored in an ultra-low temperature freezer at -90°C to -60°C (-130°F to -76°F), they can be safely used for up to 18 months from the date of manufacture.

Once received, frozen vials may be immediately transferred to the refrigerator [2°C to 8°C (35°F to 46°F)], thawed and stored for a single period of up to 10 weeks within the 18-month shelf-life. The 10-week refrigerated expiry date should be recorded on the carton at the time of transfer.

The Public Health Information Management System (PHIMS) is updated with the new expiry dates.

The Storage and Handling Quick Reference is located online at https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covidvaccine/storage-handling-chart.pdf for further information on the various COVID-19 products and their storage limitations once thawed and punctured.

The Pfizer Quick Reference Guide is updated and can be found at: https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covidvaccine/2022-12-12-pfizer-qrg.pdf.

An updated product monograph can be found at
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/resources.html#productmonographs>.

Further information on all Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine products can be found on their website
<https://www.cvdvaccine.ca/>.

Please share this information with all relevant colleagues in your facility/clinic.

Sincerely,

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