



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health and Aged Care**

## **Pfizer Bivalent (Grey) – Vaccine Shelf-Life Extension**

Dear COVID-19 Vaccination Partner,

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has approved a shelf-life extension of **Comirnaty Pfizer bivalent (Grey)** from 12 months to 18 months from the manufacture date.

**NOTE that the extended expiry date DOES NOT replace the thawed use-by date for vaccines, which remains at 10 weeks (70 days) from the thaw date for Pfizer Bivalent (Grey).**

The use-by date, labelled on thawed mRNA deliveries, is the **earliest** of the batch (manufacturer) expiry date or the thaw use-by date:



- The extended batch (manufacturer) expiry date indicates the shelf-life for the vaccine while **stored in ultra-low temperature (-60° to -90°) storage.**
- The thawed use-by date is calculated as 10 weeks from the date that the vaccine that is removed from ultra-low temperature storage and **stored in the refrigerator at 2° to 8° C.**

**Ensure your site has clear processes to identify and action these dates to prevent vaccine administration errors.**

Please reference the below table for existing *frozen Pfizer* vaccine stock, as well as when receiving new orders, for the extended expiry date. The packaging associated with the below batches has not been amended to reflect the shelf-life extension. The new expiry date of each batch will also be shown in CVAS when completing delivery acceptance.

<b>Batch Number</b>	<b>Manufacture Date</b>	<b>Labelled Expiry Date</b>	<b>Extended Batch Expiry Date</b>
GD6676	10/05/2022	30/04/2023	30/10/2023
GE3042	13/05/2022	30/04/2023	30/10/2023
GE1643	25/05/2022	30/04/2023	30/10/2023
GD6794	24/05/2022	30/04/2023	30/10/2023
GE8382	01/06/2022	31/05/2023	30/11/2023

Please reach out to the Vaccine Operations Centre (VOC) on 1800 318 208 or via [COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre@health.gov.au](mailto:COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre@health.gov.au) if you have any questions.

We are grateful for your continued support in facilitating the safe and effective administration of COVID-19 vaccines.

Kind regards,

Department of Health and Aged Care Vaccine Operations Centre (VOC)