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To All COVID-19 Vaccine Providers,

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has extended the shelf life of the Pfizer gray cap presentation (age 12 years and older) and the Pfizer orange cap presentation (ages 5-11 years) by 3 months from 9 months to 12 months from the date of manufacture. **The extension is based on ongoing stability data**, according to the FDA.

Regardless of storage condition, orange cap and gray cap vaccine vials should not be used after 12 months from the date of manufacture printed on the vial and cartons.

Doses of the purple cap presentation (age 12 years and older) with an expiry date of September 2021 to March 2022 (printed on the label) may remain in use for 3 months beyond the printed date if vials are maintained in approved storage conditions (minus 90° Celsius to minus 60° Celsius, minus 130° Fahrenheit to minus 76° Fahrenheit).

Below, you will find tables with updated expiration dates:

Pfizer Orange Cap (5-11 years) and Pfizer Gray Cap (12 years and older)	
Printed Manufacture Date	12-Month Expiry Date
06/2021	May 31, 2022
07/2021	June 30, 2022
08/2021	July 31, 2022
09/2021	Aug. 31, 2022
10/2021	Sept. 30, 2022
11/2021	Oct. 31, 2022
12/2021	Nov. 30, 2022
01/2022	Dec. 31, 2022
02/2022	Jan. 31, 2023
03/2022	Feb. 28, 2023
Pfizer Purple Cap (12 years and older)	
Printed Expiry Date	Updated Expiry Date
January 2022	April 2022
February 2022	May 2022
March 2022	June 2022

Proper disposal of expired COVID-19 vaccine

Vaccine providers should follow the steps below to properly discard expired or unusable COVID-19 vaccine.

- Expired COVID-19 vaccines should be removed immediately from storage units to avoid inadvertently administering them.
- Providers should dispose of expired COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with local regulations and processes used to dispose of regulated infectious waste. For more information on disposing of infectious waste, visit the [Ohio EPA website](#).

More information

- [Expiry Information for Pfizer Vaccine Presentations](#)

If you have any questions or issues, please call the ODH Provider Call Center between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1-844-9ODHVAX (1-844-963-4829) or email COVIDVACCINE@odh.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,
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