

When Vaccinating Children - Don't forget to check: Comirnaty (Pfizer) 5-11

Vaccine Preparation



Remember to check:

Thaw Expiry Date	10 weeks from thaw date
Manufacture expiry date	Check current guidelines
Time vial was first punctured	Up to 12 hours (up to 30°C)
Time the syringe was drawn up	Within 6 hours (2°C to 8°C) AND within 1 hour (up to 30°C)
Vaccine Type	Orange Cap - pediatric formula

DISCARD the vaccine if it exceeds expiry dates and times.

Checking AIR before administering the vaccine will help avoid vaccination administration errors.

Vaccine Administration



Remember to check:

Check the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) before administering vaccine**

Consent form completed?	Pfizer 5-11 consent form
Right vaccine for the right patient?	5-11 years of age Date of birth checked
Right dose for this patient and cohort?	0.2ml (10µg per dose)
Right dose interval?	8 weeks*
Has the vial been diluted (if required)?	1.3mL of saline

A dose interval of 8 weeks may improve protection and longevity of protection from the vaccine.

A longer interval may also reduce the risk of rare adverse events such as myocarditis.

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Pfizer 5-11 = The interval can be shortened to a minimum of 3 weeks in special circumstances

** Previous vaccination doses and their brand; the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) do not recommend the use of mixed primary schedules in this age group

Booster doses are not recommended for patients under 16 years of age see "<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/atagi-recommendations-on-the-use-of-a-booster-dose-of-covid-19-vaccine>"
ATAGI Recommendations on the use of a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine

If you respond 'No' to any of the above, DO NOT administer the vaccine and seek expert advice.

When Vaccinating Children - Don't forget to check: Spikevax (Moderna) 6-11

Vaccine Preparation



Remember to check:

Thaw Expiry Date	30 days from thaw date
Manufacture expiry date	Check current guidelines
Time vial was first punctured	Up to 6 hours (up to 25°C)
Time the syringe was drawn up	Within 6 hours (2°C to 8°C) AND within 1 hour (up to 30°C)

DISCARD the vaccine if it exceeds expiry dates and times.

Checking AIR before administering the vaccine will help avoid vaccination administration errors.

Vaccine Administration



Remember to check:

Check the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) before administering vaccine**

Consent form completed?

Moderna information and consent form



Right vaccine for the right patient?

6-11 years of age
Date of birth checked



Right dose for this patient and cohort?

0.25ml (50µg per dose)



Right dose interval?

8 weeks*



Has the vial been diluted (if required)?

DO NOT DILUTE

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Moderna = The interval can be shortened to a minimum of 4 weeks in special circumstances

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