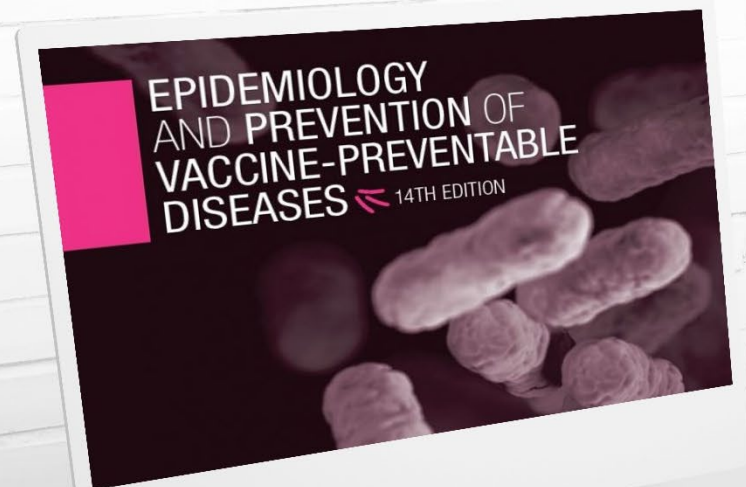


Vaccine Storage and Handling

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Learning Objectives

- Describe the fundamental principles of the immune response.
- Describe immunization best practices.
- Describe an emerging immunization issue.
- For each vaccine-preventable disease, identify those for whom routine immunization is recommended.
- For each vaccine-preventable disease, describe characteristics of the vaccine used to prevent the disease.
- Locate current immunization resources to increase knowledge of team's role in program implementation for improved team performance.

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Vaccine Storage and Handling Overview

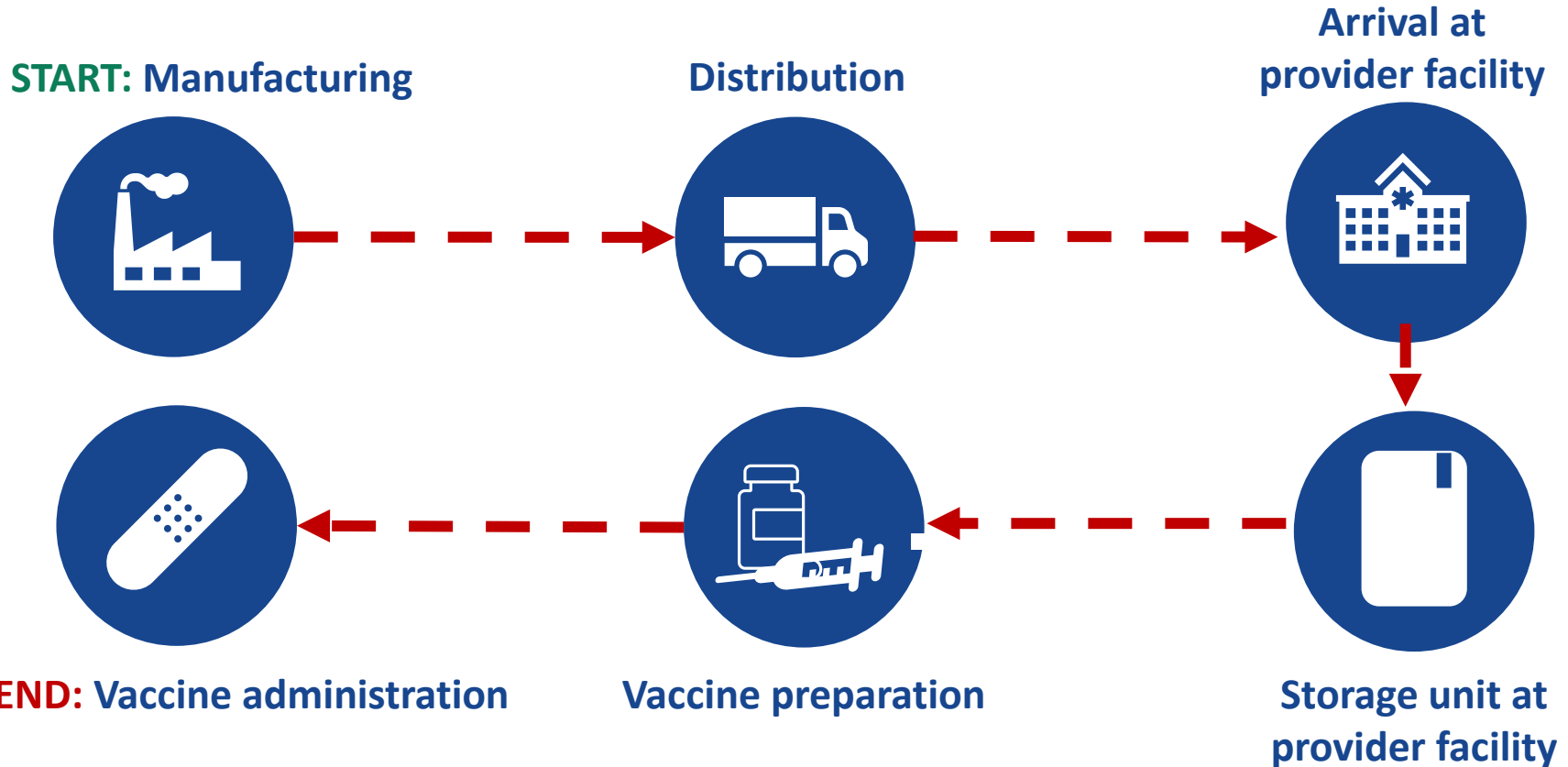
Impact of Improper Vaccine Storage and Handling

- **Improper vaccine storage and handling can result in:**
 - Vaccines that are not viable
 - Unnecessary revaccination
 - Cost to facility, staff, and patients
 - Diminished trust in your practice and staff...and in vaccinations

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Vaccine Cold Chain

Vaccine Cold Chain



Why does cold chain matter?

- **Vaccine potency reduced with improper storage:**
 - Overexposure to heat
 - Freezing temperatures
 - Exposure to light
- **Once potency is lost, it cannot be restored.**

What Is Needed to Maintain a Cold Chain?

- You, well-trained staff
- Reliable storage and temperature monitoring equipment
- Accurate vaccine inventory management and procedures



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Staff and Training

Vaccine Coordinator Recommendations

- **Primary coordinator**
 - Responsible for ensuring all vaccines are stored and handled properly
 - Expert on routine and emergency standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- **Alternate coordinator**
 - Expert that can assist primary and fulfill duties in their absence
- **All other staff**
 - May be trained to complete duties



Primary and Alternate Vaccine Coordinator Duties

- Order vaccines
- Oversee proper receipt and storage of vaccine deliveries
- Maintain vaccine inventory information
- Organize and monitor vaccines within storage units
- Rotate stock and remove expired vaccine from storage units
- Set up temperature monitoring devices
- Check and record minimum/ maximum temperatures daily
- Respond to temperature excursions (out-of-range temperatures) and equipment failures
- Oversee proper vaccine transport (when necessary)
- Oversee emergency preparations
- Create and update storage and handling SOPs

Storage and Handling SOPs

- Facilities should develop and maintain clearly written, detailed, and up-to-date storage and handling SOPs for three major areas:



Routine storage
and handling



Emergency vaccine storage,
handling, and transport



General information

Staff Training

- Complete training:
 - As part of employee orientation
 - Annually as a refresher
 - When new vaccines are added
 - When recommendations are updated



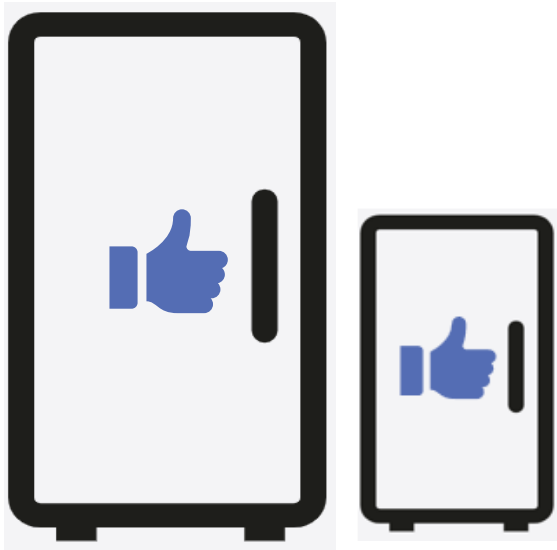
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Vaccine Storage and Temperature Monitoring Equipment

Equipment: Vaccine Storage Units (1)

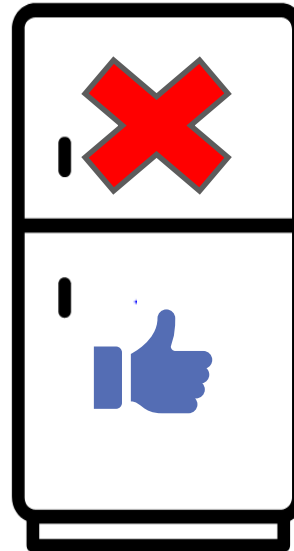
Preferred: Purpose-built or pharmaceutical-grade units

- Large, compact, or combo

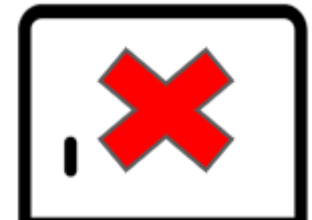


Acceptable alternative: Household-grade units

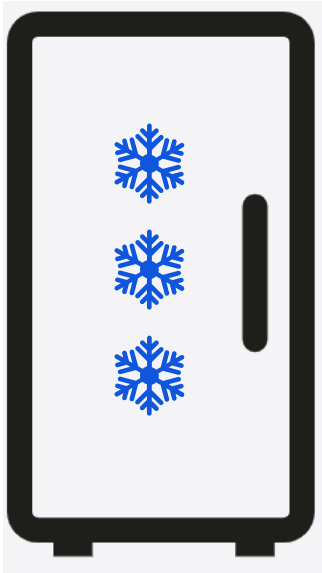
- Do not use freezer



Never use a dorm-style unit!!



Equipment: Vaccine Storage Units (2)



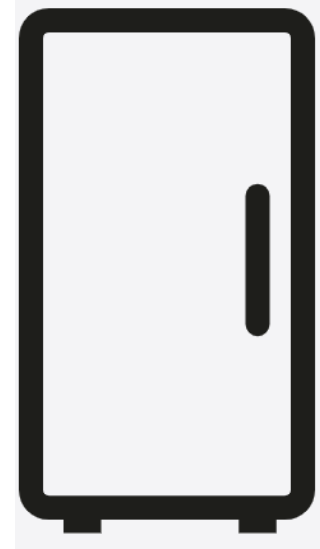
Ultra-cold freezer

Between
-90°C and -60°C
(-130°F and -76°F)



Standard freezer

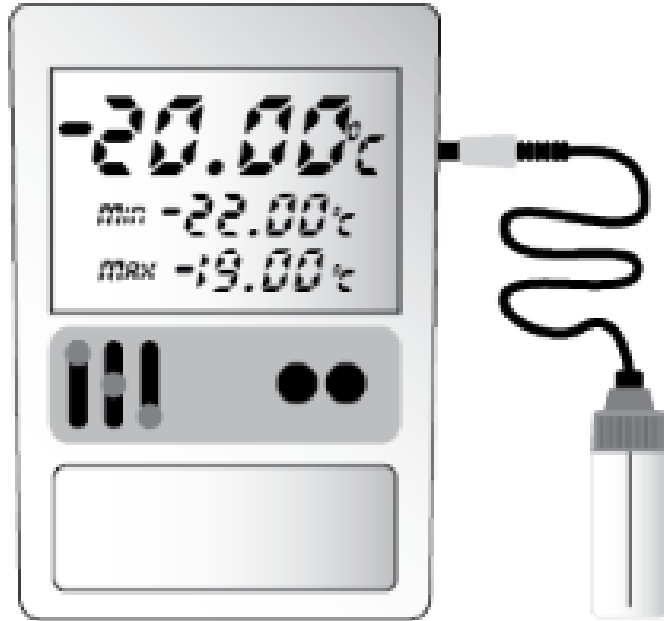
Between
-50°C and -15°C
(-58°F and +5°F)



Refrigerator

Between
2°C and 8°C
(36°F and 46°F)

Equipment: Temperature Monitoring Devices (TMDs)



- **Recommended** – A digital data logger (DDL) with these features:
 - A detachable buffered probe
 - Able to measure minimum and maximum temperatures
 - Uncertainty of $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($\pm 1^{\circ}\text{F}$)
- Other features
 - Alarm
 - Low battery indicator
 - At least 30-minute reading rate

Certificate of Calibration

- DDLs must be calibrated every two to three years, or per the manufacturer's suggested timeline.
- Certificate should include:
 - Model/device name or number
 - Serial number
 - Date of calibration
 - Confirmation that the instrument passed testing
 - Recommended uncertainty of $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($\pm 1^{\circ}\text{F}$) or less

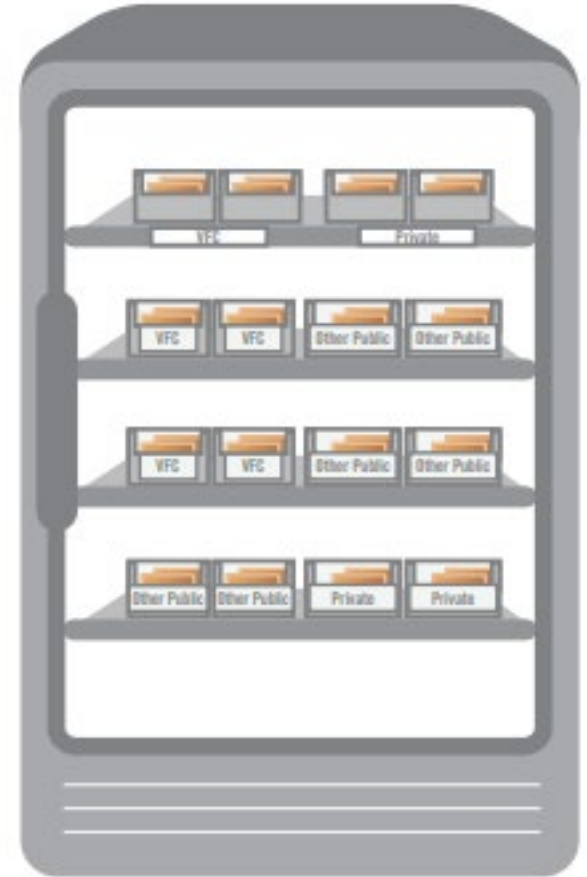


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Vaccine Organization and Storage

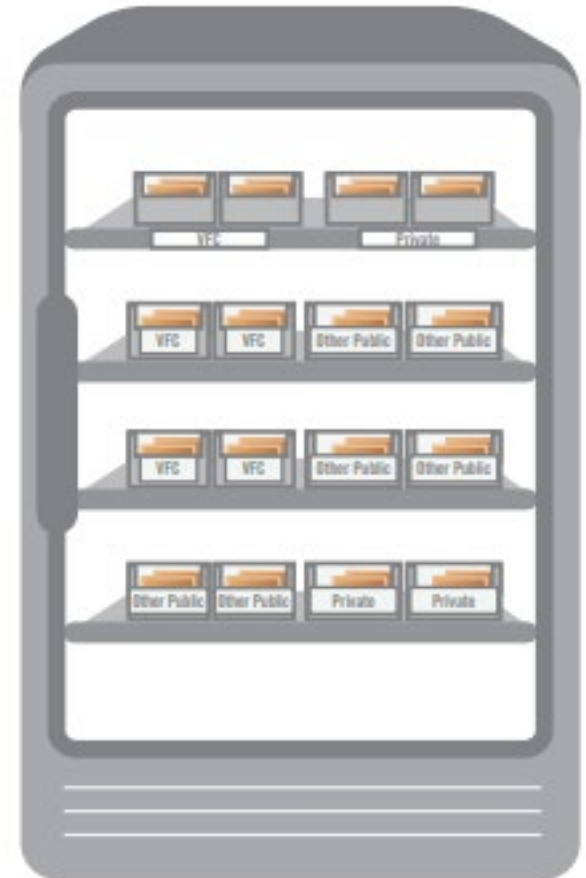
Storage Unit Best Practices (1)

- Store in the original packaging with lids closed in separate containers.
- Place earliest expiration dates in the front.
- Label shelves and vaccine containers.
 - [Vaccine Label Examples \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/downloads/p/2012/08/20120824-01.pdf)
- Store vaccines with similar names or packaging on separate shelves or storage units.
- Avoid danger zones.
- Use water bottles appropriately.
- Only store vaccines, diluents, and water bottles.



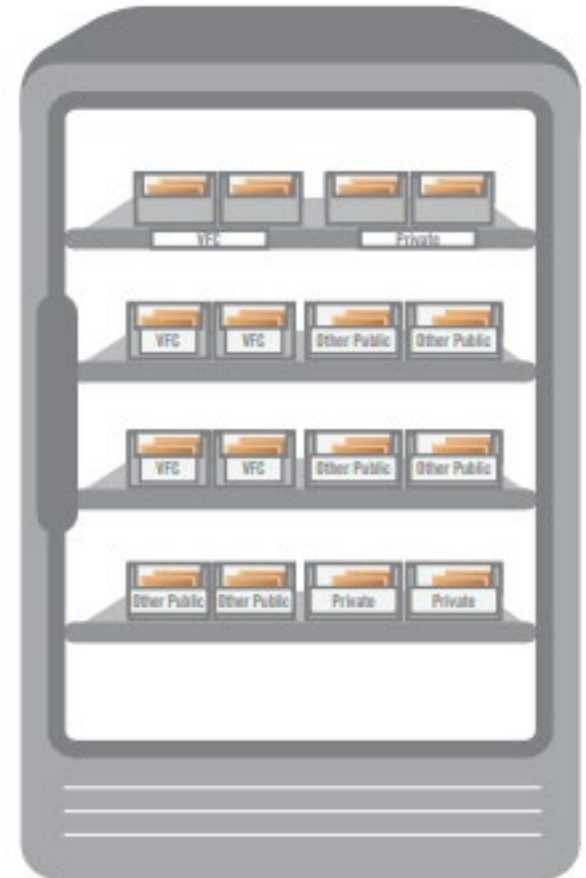
Storage Unit Best Practices (2)

- **Store in the original packaging with lids closed in separate containers.**
 - Allow 2 to 3 inches between vaccine containers and the storage unit walls.
 - Store diluent with the corresponding refrigerated vaccine, whenever possible.
- **Place earliest expiration dates in the front.**



Storage Unit Best Practices (3)

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- **Avoid danger zones.**
- **Use water bottles appropriately.**
- **Store only vaccines, diluents, and water bottles.**



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Vaccine Temperature Management

Monitoring Storage Unit Temperatures

- Preferred: Check and record minimum and maximum temperatures once each workday, preferably in the morning.**
 - If your TMD displays current temperature only, check and record temperatures two times a day, at the start and end of the workday.

C° Temperature Log for Freezer – Celsius

DAYS 1-15

CDC recommends the use of a digital data logger (DDL) for vaccine temperature monitoring. Using a DDL or other appropriate temperature monitoring device (TMD), check and record the storage unit temperature each workday using one of the options below. Save each month's log for 3 years, unless state/local jurisdictions require a longer period.

Option 1: Minimum/Maximum (Min/Max) Temperatures* (preferred)

- Most DDLs display minimum and maximum temperatures. Check and record the min/max temperatures at the start of each workday.
- Document both of these temperatures in the min/max temperature rows under the appropriate date.

Option 2: Current Temperature

- If the TMD does not display min/max temperatures, check and record the current temperature twice, at the start and end of the workday.
- Document these temperatures by writing an "X" in the row that corresponds to the refrigerator temperature under the appropriate day of the month.
- If using a DDL without min/max, review continuous temperature data daily.

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For detailed guidance on temperature monitoring devices (TMDs) and all aspects of vaccine storage and handling, including COVID-19 vaccines, see CDC's Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/storage-handling-toolkit.pdf

Month/Year _____ VFC PIN or other ID # _____

Facility Name _____

If the temperature is out of range, TAKE ACTION!

- Do not discard the vaccine unless directed to by your state/local health dept and/or the manufacturer(s).
- Label the vaccine "Do Not Use" and store it under proper conditions as quickly as possible.
- Complete the Vaccine Storage Troubleshooting Record¹.
- Notify your vaccine coordinator, or call the immunization program at your state or local health dept for guidance.

Day of Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Staff Initials															
Option 1	Time														
	Min Temp														
	Max Temp														
Option 2	Time														
	-15°C														
	-16°C														
	-17°C														
	-18°C														
	-19°C														
	-20°C														
	-50* to -21°C														
DANGER! Temperatures above -15°C or below -50°C are out of range. If found, write these temperatures and room temperature below. Contact your state/local health dept immediately!															
Action	Write any out-of-range times above -15°C or below -50°C here.														
	Room Temp														

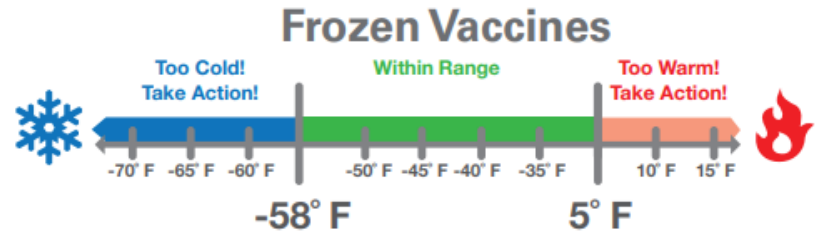
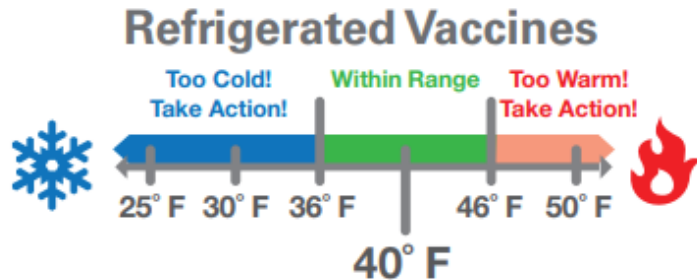
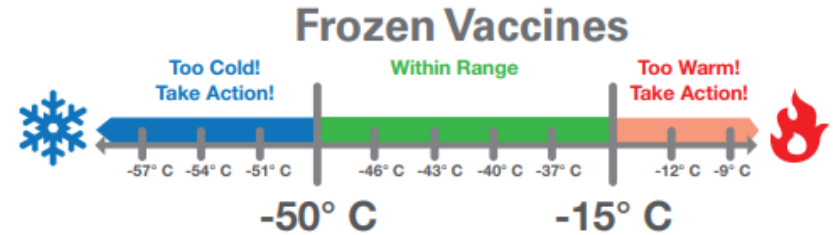
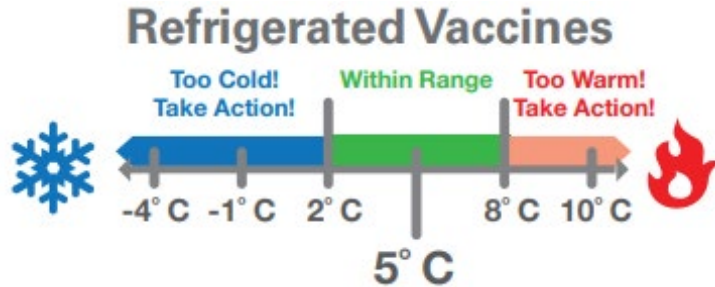
^{*} "Min/max" means the lowest (minimum) and highest (maximum) temperatures recorded during a specific time period.
¹ Vaccine Storage Troubleshooting Record found at www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3041.pdf.

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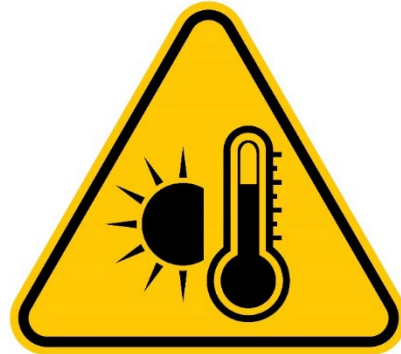
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Recommended Storage Unit Temperature Ranges



Temperature Excursion

- Any reading outside the recommended ranges in the package insert
- Requires immediate action
- Manufacturers determine viability
- Refer to the Storage and Handling Toolkit for detailed guidance



Temperature Excursion Recommendations

1. Notify the primary/alternate vaccine coordinator or supervisor immediately.
2. Notify staff by labeling exposed vaccines “DO NOT USE” and storing at appropriate temperatures; **do not discard exposed vaccines.**
3. Document the event.
4. Implement your facility SOPs to adjust unit temperature to the appropriate range.
5. Contact your immunization program and/or vaccine manufacturer(s) for further guidance.
6. Complete documentation of the event, including actions taken and results.



Knowledge Check

Fill in the blanks.

Read and record the _____ and _____ temperatures of the vaccine storage unit _____ each day.





Answer

Fill in the blanks.

Read and record the minimum and maximum temperatures of the vaccine storage unit once each day.

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Vaccine Inventory Management

Unpacking Vaccine Deliveries

Maintain cold chain by immediately checking and storing vaccines upon arrival:

1. Unpack
2. Examine order and document:
 - Damage
 - Receipt of order
 - Expiration dates
 - Temperature on monitoring device or cold chain monitor (CCM)
3. Immediately store at the recommended temperature.
4. Follow temperature excursion guidance if CCM temperature is out of range.

Inventory Recommendations

- **Use a stock record to account for every vaccine dose from delivery to use.**
- **Rotate stock so that vaccines that expire first are used first.**
 - Rotate stock weekly and when there are deliveries.
 - Remove expired stock and handle per policy.
- **Avoid overstocking vaccine supply.**
 - Check stock and anticipate upcoming patient needs (flu season, back to school, community event, etc.).

Vaccine Disposal

- **Unused, unopened, expired, or compromised vaccine may be returned for credit.**
 - Open or broken vials and activated manufacturer-prefilled syringes usually cannot be returned.
- **Most empty vaccine vials do not require a special disposal procedure.**
- **Medical waste disposal requirements vary from state to state.**

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Vaccine Preparation

Vaccine Preparation Best Practices

- **Prepare vaccines in a designated area, free from distractions.**
- **Prepare vaccines only when you are ready to administer them.**
 - Activate manufacturer-filled syringes (MFSs) syringes just before administration.
- **Only administer vaccines you have prepared.**



Pre-Drawing Vaccines

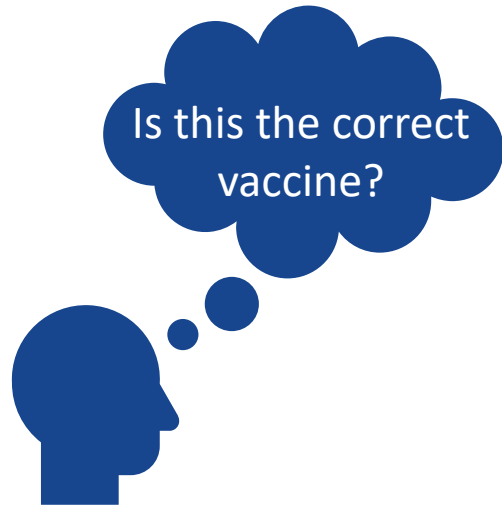
- **Best practice: Use manufacturer-filled syringes whenever possible.**
 - **Pre-drawing vaccine doses is *not recommended*.**
 - General-use syringes are designed for immediate administration, not storage.
 - Increased risk for vaccination errors if syringes are not appropriately labeled or administered by another person
 - Vaccine wastage occurs when too many doses are pre-drawn or stored improperly.



Pre-Drawn Vaccine Recommendations for Large Events

1. Set up a separate administration station for each vaccine type.
2. Draw up vaccines only when you are ready for administration.
3. Label each pre-drawn syringe with:
 - the vaccine name and dosage,
 - the beyond-use date and time,
 - lot number,
 - the preparer’s initials, and
 - any other pertinent information, such as age range
4. Draw up no more than one multidose vial (MDV) or 10 doses at one time.
5. Monitor patient flow to avoid drawing up unnecessary doses.
6. Store pre-drawn vaccines at the manufacturer-recommended temperatures.
7. Discard any remaining vaccine in pre-drawn syringes at the end of the workday.

Triple-Check Before Vaccine Preparation



Label



Expiration Date



Beyond-Use Date (BUD)

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Expiration Date

Expiration Date



- The expiration date is the final day that the vaccine can be administered.
- Determined by the manufacturer
- Marked on the vaccine vial and original packaging
- All vaccine products have an expiration date, including diluents.
- **Never administer vaccines after the expiration date.**

Where to Find the Expiration Date



Month, day, and year of expiration

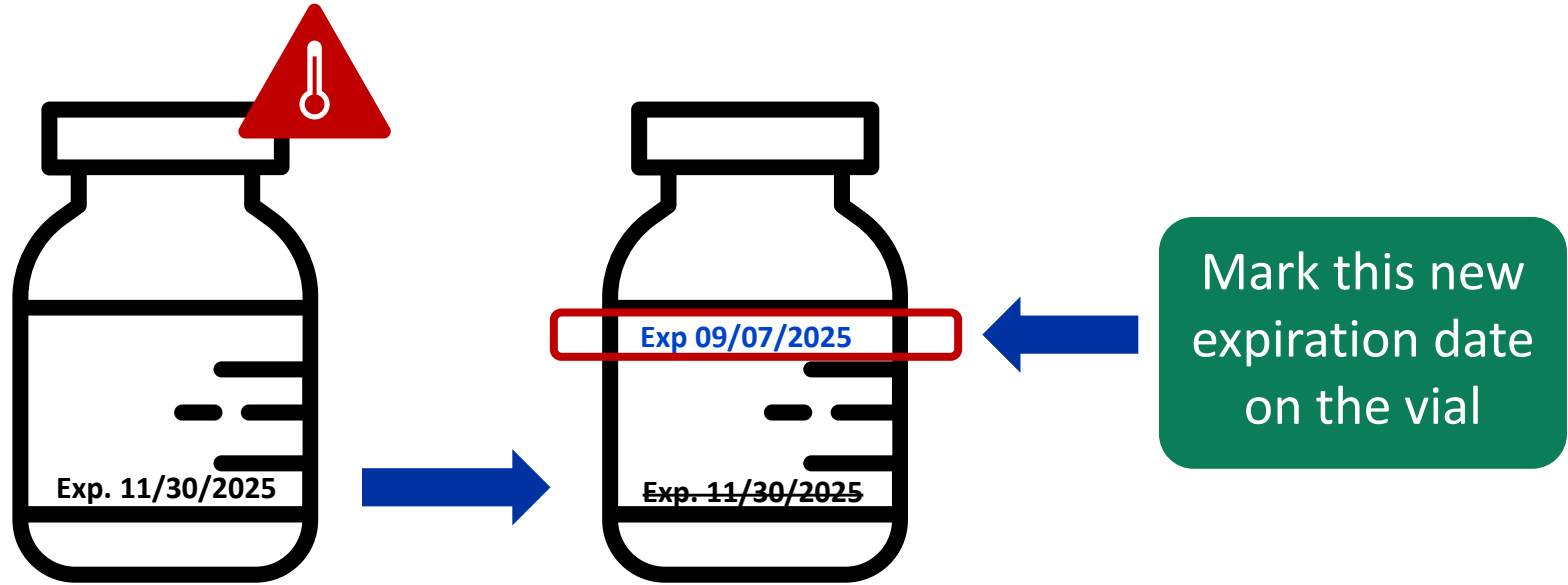


Month and year of expiration

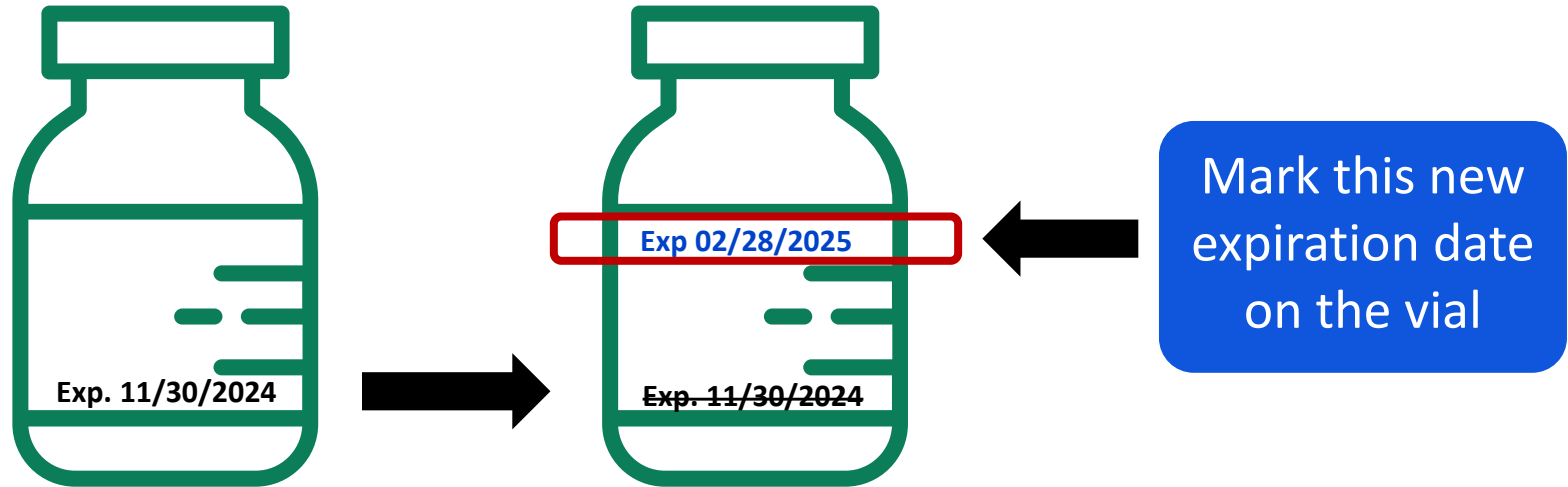


QR Code, website, or phone number

Expiration Date Changes: Shortened Expiration



Expiration Date Changes: Extended Expiration



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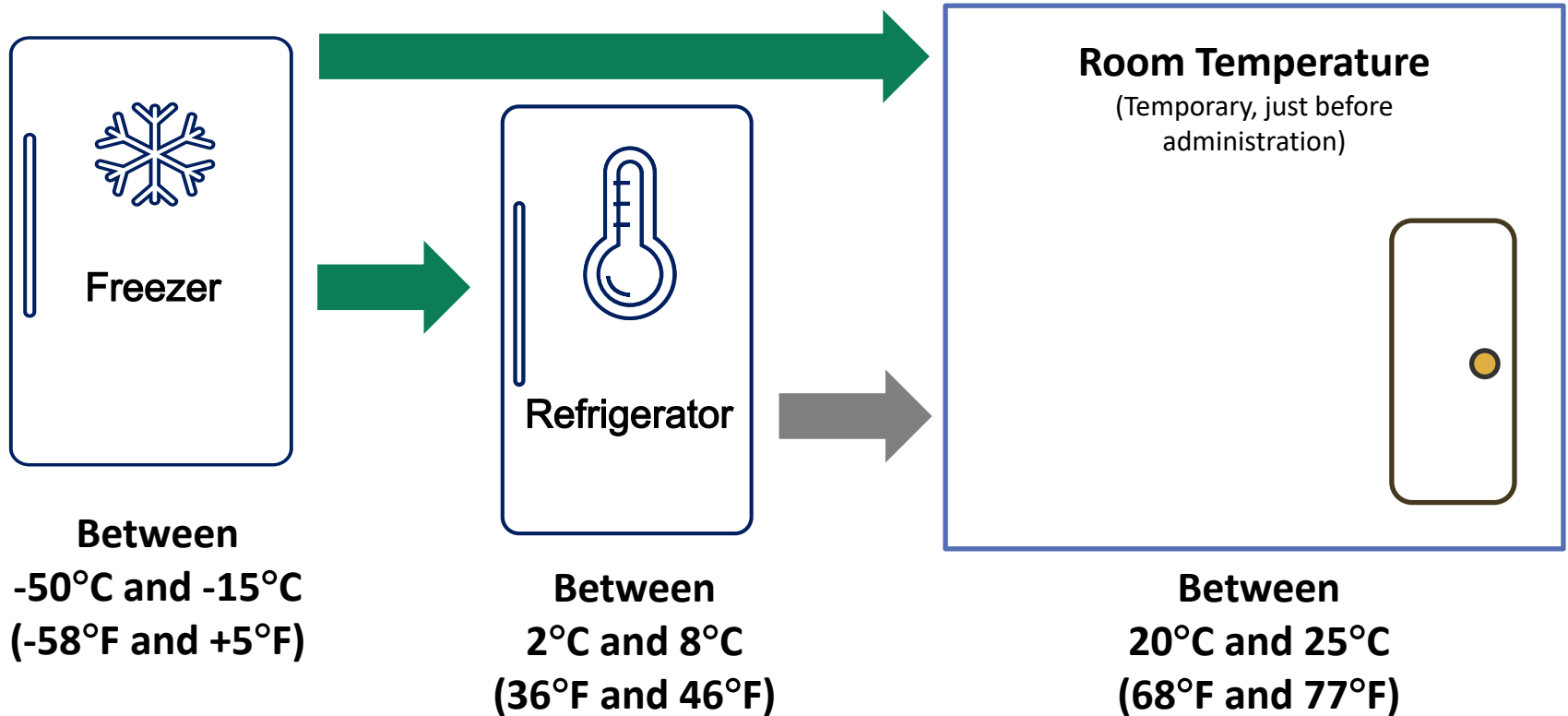
Beyond-Use Date/Time

What is a Beyond-Use Date (BUD)?

- Date/time generated when a product is transitioned between storage states or altered for patient use
- Varies by product and type of transition
- Calculated by the provider using manufacturer's guidance
- Replaces but does not extend the expiration; always use the earlier date
- Only some vaccines have a BUD.
- **Never administer vaccines after the BUD.**



BUD and Transition Between Temperatures



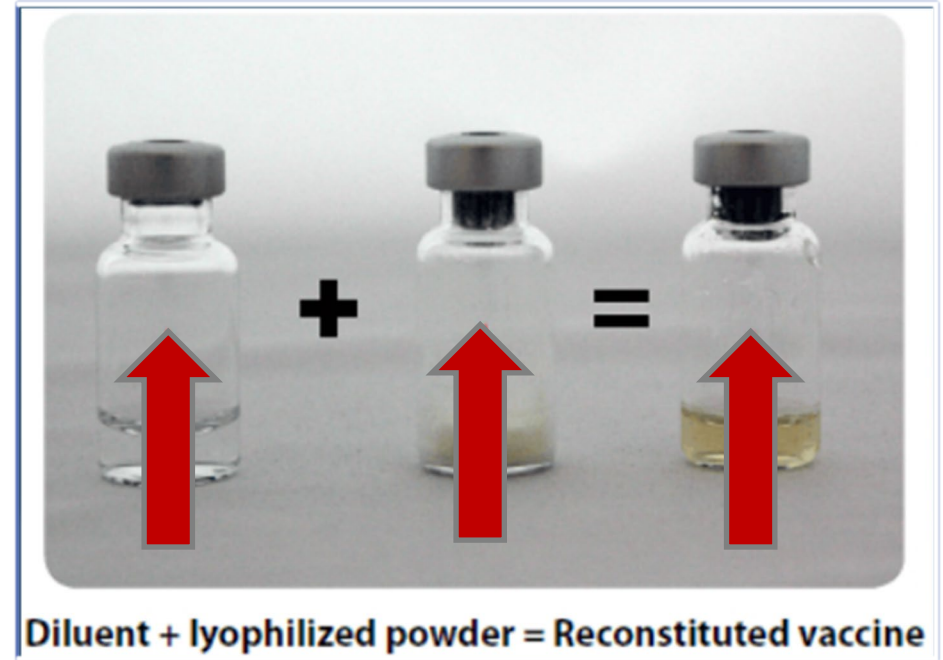
BUD and Vaccine in a Multidose Vial

- Some multidose vials (MDVs) have a specified time frame they should be used after the vial is first punctured.
 - The BUD can **vary from hours to days**.
- Some MDVs have a specific maximum number of doses that can be withdrawn or punctures to the vial stopper.
 - Discard the vial after reaching the maximum number of doses or punctures.



Reconstituted Vaccines

- Once mixed with diluent, vaccines have a beyond-use time.
- The beyond-use time can vary from minutes to hours.
- Carefully check the package insert to determine the beyond-use time.
 - Immunize.org has a resource on how to use vaccines with diluents.



How is the BUD Calculated?

October 2026						
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Day 0: First puncture

November 2026						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Day 28: Mark this BUD on vial



Knowledge Check

Fill in the blanks.

The _____ determines
the expiration date and the
_____ calculates
the BUD.





Answer

Fill in the blanks.

The manufacturer determines the expiration date and the health care provider calculates the BUD.

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Vaccine Transport and Handling

Transport Situations

- Off-site clinics
- Satellite facilities
- Relocation of stock
- Emergencies



Transport Systems


Container Description	Emergency Transport	Transport to Off-site Clinic or Satellite Facility or Relocation of Stock
Portable Vaccine Refrigerator or Freezer	Yes	Yes
Qualified Container and Packout	Yes	Yes
Conditioned Water Bottle Transport System	Yes	No
Manufacturer's Original Shipping Container	Yes (last resort)	No
Food/Beverage Coolers	No	No

Transport Best Practices


- Include emergency transport guidance in storage and handling SOPs.
- Avoid sunlight and extremes of temperatures.
- Transport only the amount of vaccine needed for the workday.
- Transport diluents with their corresponding vaccines.
- The total time for transport alone or transport plus clinic day is a maximum of 8 hours.
- Promptly move vaccines into storage unit upon arrival.

Temperature Monitoring During Transport

- For any type of transport:
 - Record min/max temps at the beginning of transport and the destination storage unit.
 - Place buffered probe with vaccines.
 - Keep DDL display on top of transport system.
 - Keep the container closed.



Temperature Log
when Transporting Vaccine at Refrigerated Temperatures



When transporting refrigerated vaccines, use:

- A portable refrigerator or vaccine storage container qualified to maintain temperatures between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F).
- A digital data logger (DDL) with a thermal buffer and external temperature display (preferred). Place the probe as close as possible to the vaccine.
- This temperature log to document temperatures and how long the vaccine is in the portable storage container.

Temperature monitoring and transport time frames

- Most DDLs display minimum/maximum (min/max) temperatures.*
- Record the time and min/max temperatures:
 - At the start of transport
 - Every time the portable storage container is opened
 - When transport is completed
- The total time for transport alone or transport plus clinic workday should be a maximum of 8 hours.†
- Beyond-use date/time (BUD), if applicable, are included in transport time. For example, if the vaccine may be stored at refrigerated temperature for 120 hours, transport is included in this time frame.

! TAKE ACTION!

If the temperature is out of range,

1. Do **NOT** discard the vaccine.
2. Label the vaccine **"Do Not Use."**
3. Complete the Vaccine Troubleshooting Record.
4. Contact the manufacturer to determine under what conditions (refrigerated) to store the vaccine as quickly as possible.

Today's date: _____ Transport start time: _____ Transport end time: _____

Provider name: _____ Facility name: _____ PIN number: _____

Temperatures measured in (circle one): Celsius Fahrenheit

Time										
Staff initials										
Min/max temperatures										

Temperatures lower than 2°C (36°F) and higher than 8°C (46°F) are out of range.‡ Complete a Vaccine Troubleshooting Record. Contact the manufacturer and your immunization program.

- After packing the vaccine, open the portable storage container only when necessary.
- If using a company or personal vehicle, transport vaccines inside the passenger compartment (not in the trunk or bed of a truck, which may be too hot or too cold).
- Avoid leaving the portable storage container in direct sunlight or unattended.
- If needed, transport diluents with their corresponding vaccines to ensure there are equal amounts of vaccines and diluents. Follow the manufacturer's guidance for specific temperature requirements for diluents.
- Save this record for 3 years, unless your state/local jurisdiction requires a longer time period. See CDC's *Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit* for additional guidance.
- Refer to CDC's *Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit* for additional guidance when transporting vaccines.

* If the DDL does not measure min/max temperatures, check and record temperatures hourly.
† Follow the manufacturer's guidance if it differs from this time frame.

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Emergency Backup Plan

- Suspend vaccination activities if emergency can be anticipated.
- Establish an agreement with an alternative storage facility.
 - Even if you have an on-site generator
- Transfer vaccine to backup storage units.



Emergency Transport Options

- Keep storage units and containers closed and monitor temperatures.
- Use one of the following transport systems:
 - Qualified containers and pack-outs
 - Portable vaccine unit (if power source available)
 - Packing Vaccines for Transport during Emergencies

Packing Vaccines for Transport during Emergencies

2 Pack for Transport

Packing Vaccines for Transport during Emergencies

Be ready BEFORE the emergency
Equipment failures, power outages, natural disasters—these and other emergency situations can compromise vaccine storage conditions and damage your vaccine supply. **It's critical to have an up-to-date emergency plan with steps you should take to protect your vaccine.** In any emergency event, activate your emergency plan immediately. Ideally, vaccine should be transported using a portable vaccine refrigerator or qualified pack-out. However, if these options are not available, you can follow the emergency packing procedures for refrigerated vaccines below:

1 Gather the Supplies

Hard-sided coolers or Styrofoam™ vaccine shipping containers

- Coolers should be large enough for your location's typical supply of refrigerated vaccines.
- Can use original shipping boxes from manufacturers if available.
- Do NOT use soft-sided collapsible coolers.

Conditioned frozen water bottles

- Use 16 oz. bottles for medium/large coolers or 8 oz. bottles for small coolers (enough for 2 layers inside cooler).
- Do NOT reuse coolant packs from original vaccine shipping container, as they increase risk of freezing vaccines.
- Freeze water bottles (can help regulate the temperature in your freezer).
- Before use, you must condition the frozen water bottles. Put them in a sink filled with several inches of cool or lukewarm water until you see a layer of water forming near the surface of bottle. The bottle is properly conditioned if ice blocks inside spins freely when rotated in your hand (this normally takes less than 5 minutes).

Insulating cushioning material – You will need two of each layer

- **Insulating cushioning material** – Bubble wrap, packing foam, or Styrofoam™ for a layer above and below the vaccines, at least 1 inch thick. Make sure it covers the cardboard completely. Do NOT use packing peanuts or other loose material that might shift during transport.
- **Corrugated cardboard** – Two pieces cut to fit interior dimensions of cooler(s) to be placed between insulating cushioning material and conditioned frozen water bottles.

Temperature monitoring device – Digital data logger (DDL) with buffered probe. Accuracy of 1/10°F (1/0.5°C) with a current and valid certificate of calibration testing. Pre-chill buffered probe for at least 2 hours in refrigerator. Temperature monitoring device currently stored in refrigerator can be used, as long as there is a device to measure temperatures for any remaining vaccines.

frozen water bottles (this normally takes less than 5 minutes)
water bottles in sink filled with several inches of cool or lukewarm water or under running tap water until you see a layer of water forming near surface of bottle. Properly conditioned if ice blocks inside spins freely when rotated in your hand. * put bottle back in water for another minute.

Use coolant packs from original vaccine shipping container.

tom and top of cooler with a single layer of conditioned water bottles.

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Close lid – Close the lid and attach DDL display and temperature log to the top of the lid.

Conditioned frozen water bottles – Fill the remaining space in the cooler with an additional layer of conditioned frozen water bottles.

Insulating material – Another sheet of cardboard may be needed to support top layer of water bottles.

Insulating cushioning material – Cover vaccines with another 1 in. layer of bubble wrap, packing foam, or Styrofoam™

Vaccines – Add remaining vaccines and diluents to cooler, covering DDL probe.

Temperature monitoring device – When cooler is halfway full, place DDL buffered probe in center of vaccines, but keep DDL display outside cooler until finished loading.

Vaccines – Stack boxes of vaccines and diluents on top of insulating material.

Insulating cushioning material – Place a layer of bubble wrap, packing foam, or Styrofoam™ on top (layer must be at least 1 in. thick and must cover cardboard completely).

Insulating material – Place a sheet of corrugated cardboard over water bottles to cover them completely.


Conditioned frozen water bottles – Line bottom of the cooler with a single layer of conditioned water bottles.

estimation

er – Record date, time, temperature, and your initials on vaccine temperature log; coxes of vaccines quickly to storage refrigerator.

If there has been a temperature excursion, contact vaccine manufacturer(s) and/or your bin before using vaccines. Label vaccines "Do Not Use" and store at appropriate temperature if can be made.

Why do you need cardboard, bubble wrap, and conditioned frozen water bottles?
Conditioned frozen water bottles and corrugated cardboard used along with one inch of insulating cushioning material such as bubble wrap keeps refrigerated vaccines at the right temperature and prevents them from freezing. Reusing vaccine coolant packs from original vaccine shipping containers can freeze and damage refrigerated vaccines.



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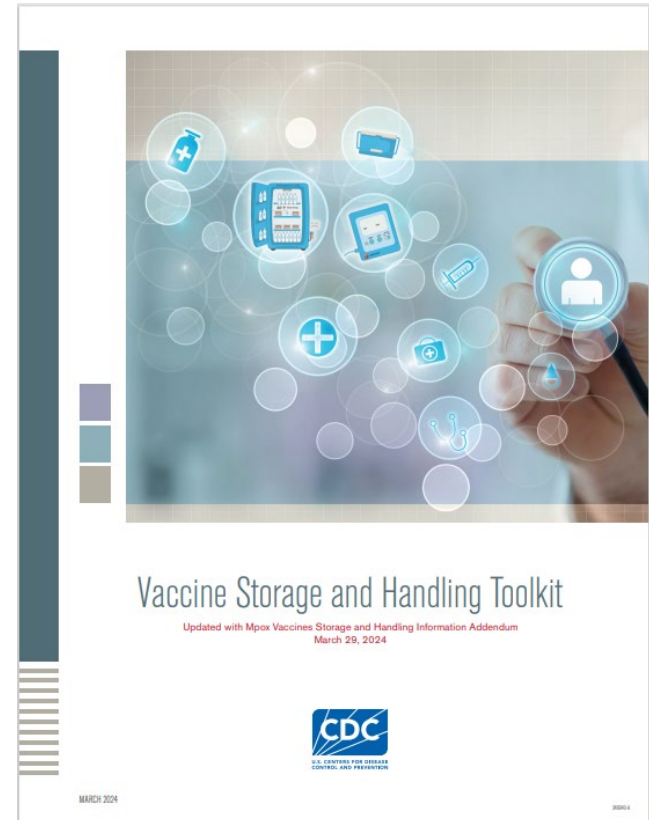
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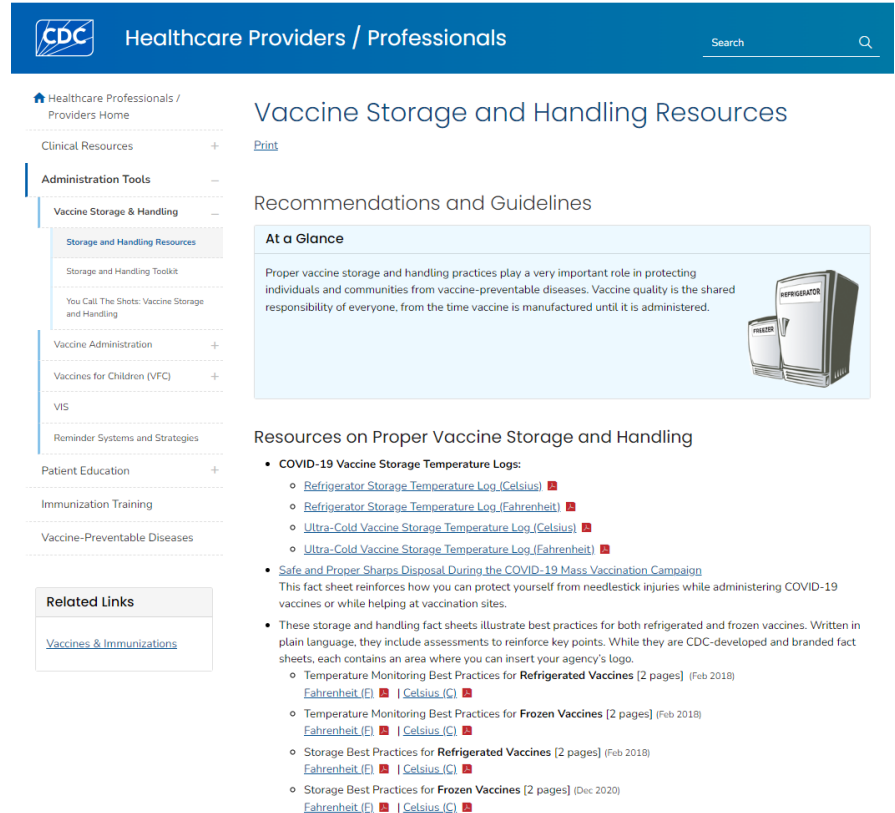
Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit

- Primary source for vaccine storage and handling recommendations:
 - Most current recommendations
 - Updated annually to reflect changes in guidance
 - Contains additional resources



CDC Resources for Staff Education

- Multiple storage and handling resources available through CDC website, including:
 - [You Calls You Call the Shots: Vaccine Storage and Handling Module](#)
 - [Packing Vaccines for Transport during Emergencies](#)
 - Vaccine Storage Temperature Logs
 - Storage and Handling best practice fact sheets



The screenshot shows the CDC website interface for Healthcare Providers / Professionals. The main navigation bar includes the CDC logo, the text "Healthcare Providers / Professionals", and a search bar. The left sidebar contains a menu with categories such as "Clinical Resources", "Administration Tools", "Vaccine Storage & Handling", "Vaccine Administration", "Vaccines for Children (VFC)", "VIS", "Reminder Systems and Strategies", "Patient Education", "Immunization Training", and "Vaccine-Preventable Diseases". The "Vaccine Storage & Handling" category is expanded, showing sub-items like "Storage and Handling Resources", "Storage and Handling Toolkit", and "You Call The Shots: Vaccine Storage and Handling". A "Related Links" section at the bottom of the sidebar lists "Vaccines & Immunizations".


Vaccine Storage and Handling Resources

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Recommendations and Guidelines

At a Glance

Proper vaccine storage and handling practices play a very important role in protecting individuals and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccine quality is the shared responsibility of everyone, from the time vaccine is manufactured until it is administered.



Resources on Proper Vaccine Storage and Handling

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Storage Temperature Logs:**
 - [Refrigerator Storage Temperature Log \(Celsius\)](#)
 - [Refrigerator Storage Temperature Log \(Fahrenheit\)](#)
 - [Ultra-Cold Vaccine Storage Temperature Log \(Celsius\)](#)
 - [Ultra-Cold Vaccine Storage Temperature Log \(Fahrenheit\)](#)
- **Safe and Proper Sharps Disposal During the COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Campaign**
This fact sheet reinforces how you can protect yourself from needlestick injuries while administering COVID-19 vaccines or while helping at vaccination sites.
- These storage and handling fact sheets illustrate best practices for both refrigerated and frozen vaccines. Written in plain language, they include assessments to reinforce key points. While they are CDC-developed and branded fact sheets, each contains an area where you can insert your agency's logo.
 - Temperature Monitoring Best Practices for **Refrigerated Vaccines** [2 pages] (Feb 2018)
[Fahrenheit \(F\)](#) | [Celsius \(C\)](#)
 - Temperature Monitoring Best Practices for **Frozen Vaccines** [2 pages] (Feb 2018)
[Fahrenheit \(F\)](#) | [Celsius \(C\)](#)
 - Storage Best Practices for **Refrigerated Vaccines** [2 pages] (Feb 2018)
[Fahrenheit \(F\)](#) | [Celsius \(C\)](#)
 - Storage Best Practices for **Frozen Vaccines** [2 pages] (Dec 2020)
[Fahrenheit \(F\)](#) | [Celsius \(C\)](#)

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