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The Federal CDC has adjusted its guidance on the Fahrenheit temperature range for storing refrigerated vaccine from 35°F - 46°F to 36°F - 46°F. The Celsius temperature range remains 2°C - 8°C, as stated in all manufacturers' package inserts for routinely recommended refrigerated vaccines.

The conversion of 2°C - 8°C equates to 35.6°F - 46.4°F. Among routinely recommended vaccines, most manufacturers' package inserts note a Fahrenheit temperature range of 36°F - 46°F, while some note a temperature range of 35°F - 46°F. By adjusting CDC's guidance for the Fahrenheit temperature range from 35°F - 46°F to 36°F - 46°F, CDC is ensuring that its recommended Fahrenheit temperature range does not conflict with the package inserts of any routinely recommended vaccines.

All providers should start implementing this change as soon as possible.

Please read the attached Frequently Asked Questions for more information. We have also attached a revised "Refrigerator Temperature Log" to reflect the new temperature range.

If you have any questions, please contact the Maine Immunization Program at: (207) 287-3746 or (800) 867-4775.