

Maine Immunization Program (MIP) Best Practices for Storing Refrigerated Vaccines- Fahrenheit (F)

Unpack vaccines as soon as received



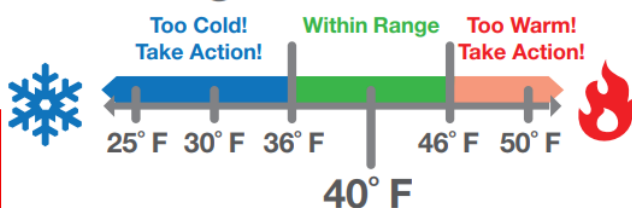
1. Match the vaccines received to the packing slip provided making sure everything matches. If anything does not match, contact MIP right away.
2. Place the vaccines in trays or containers that have holes to allow proper airflow.
3. Put vaccines that are first to expire in the front.
4. Keep vaccines in original boxes with the lids closed to prevent exposure to light.
5. Label vaccines as MIP provided OR private stock.

Store Vaccines at Proper Temperature: 40°F


Never freeze refrigerated vaccines!

EXCEPTION: MMR II from Merck can be frozen upon receipt from manufacturer or refrigerated. Do not refreeze once stored in fridge

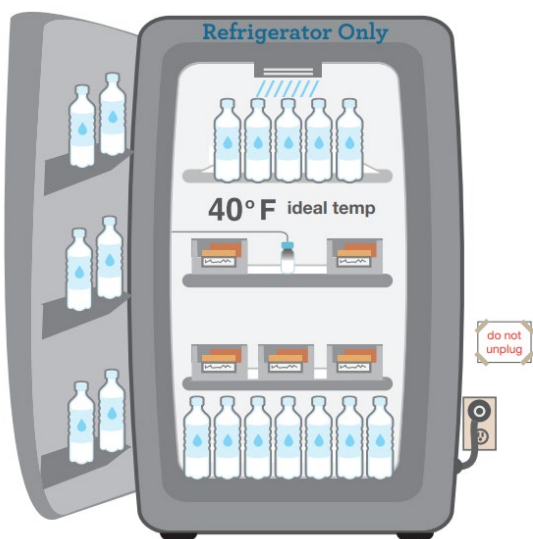
Refrigerated Vaccines




Report out-of-range temperatures to MIP immediately!

Contact MIP at 207-287-3746

Use Vaccine Storage Best Practices



DO

Make sure the refrigerator door is closed!



- ✓ Place water bottles in door, floor and under the fan of the unit to help maintain consistent temperatures (if you have pharmaceutical unit, check to make sure water bottles can be used).
- ✓ Label water bottles "Do Not Drink".
- ✓ Leave 2-3 inches between vaccine containers and refrigerator walls.
- ✓ Post "Do Not Unplug" signs on refrigerator and electrical outlet being used

NEVER use dormitory style fridge/freezer unit.

- Do NOT use top shelf for vaccine storage if a fan is blowing directly on it.
- Do NOT put food or beverages in refrigerator or drink from water bottles.
- Do NOT use the floor or door of unit for vaccine storage.
- Do NOT refreeze thawed vaccines.
- Do NOT drink from or remove water bottles



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