



National Vaccine Storage Guidelines

Strive for 5

COLD CHAIN BREACH PROTOCOL



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1. Immediately isolate the vaccines and label '**Do not use**'.
2. Keep vaccines refrigerated between +2°C and +8°C.
3. Contact your relevant state or territory health department as soon as possible in business hours.
4. Do not discard any vaccine until advised to do so by your state or territory health department.
5. For privately purchased vaccines, contact the manufacturer for advice.

REPORTING A COLD CHAIN BREACH

When notifying your state/territory health department of a cold chain breach, be prepared to report:

1. the length of time the temperature of the vaccine refrigerator was outside of the +2°C to +8°C temperature range; and
2. the type and number of vaccines in the refrigerator.

For further information, please refer to Appendix 3 of the National Vaccine Storage Guidelines - Strive for 5.

State/territory health department contact number: _____



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VACCINE FRIDGE TEMPERATURE CHART

Year	
Month	



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Quick Reference Guide



STOP

DO NOT OPEN DOOR UNTIL YOU KNOW WHICH VACCINES YOU NEED AND WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED.

Vaccines must be stored between +2°C and +8°C to guarantee their potency.

Read and record the refrigerator temperature twice daily.

Report to nominated vaccine manager if refrigerator temperature has been outside the +2°C to +8°C range.

DO NOT USE OR DISCARD VACCINES unless advised to do so by your state/territory health department.

Person responsible for vaccine management is: _____

Backup person for vaccine management is: _____

Useful contacts:

_____ is the number for _____ (state/territory health department)

Updated on ___/___/___