

Vaccine Storage

Combination
Refrigerator/Freezer

1. Proper Temperatures



Freeze Varicella



5° F
or below

(-15° C or below)

Don't let temps
get too warm!



Refrigerate all
other vaccines

Aim for 40° F



Don't freeze
liquid vaccines!

35° F - 46° F

(2° C - 8° C or below)

Don't let temps
get too warm!

2. Proper Set Up

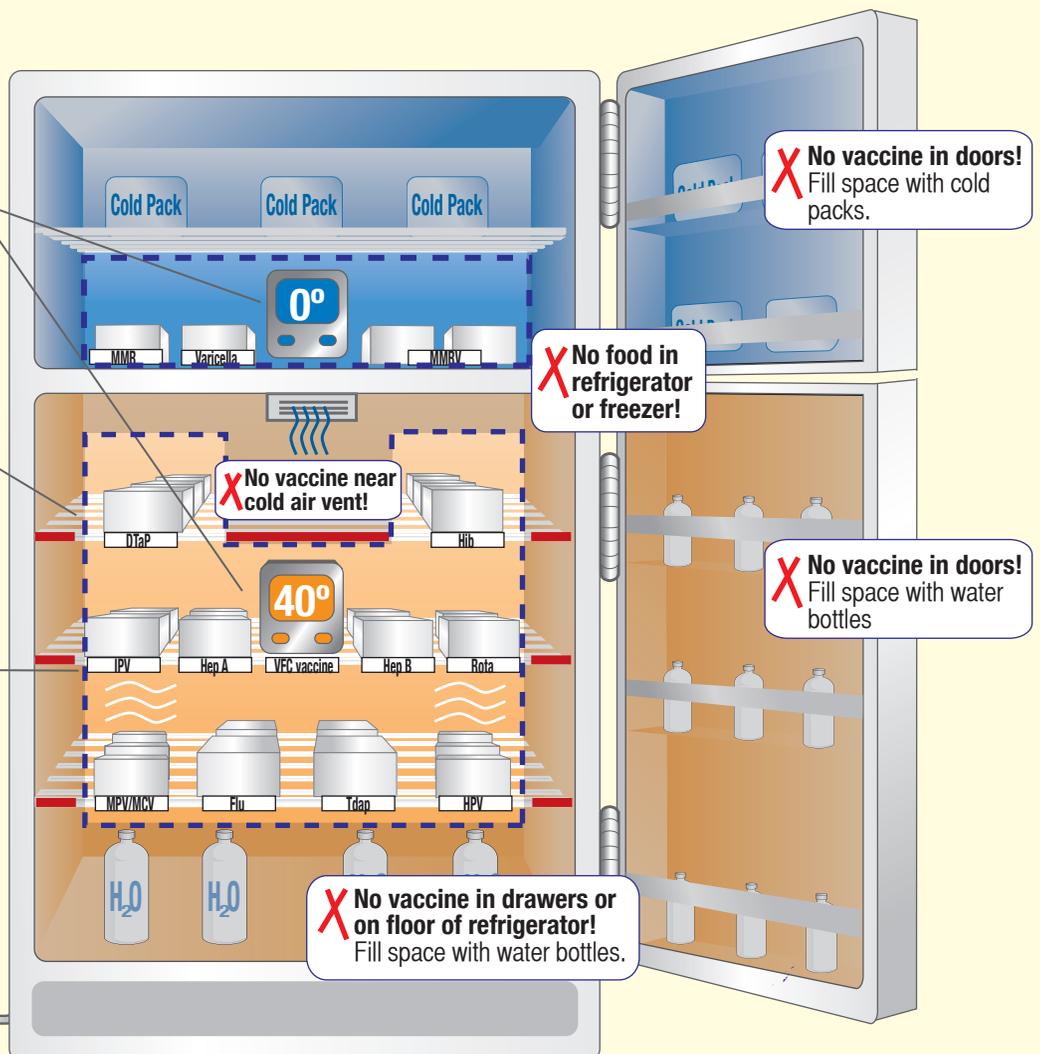
✓ Place thermometers in the center of both the refrigerator and freezer. Post a temperature log on the door.

✓ Keep vaccine spaced 2-3 inches away from walls and other boxes. Dashed lines show usable space. Mark areas to avoid.

✓ Group vaccines by type. Clearly label the designated space for each vaccine.

✓ Post "Do Not Unplug" warning signs on electrical outlets and circuit breakers. Plug in only one unit per outlet.

WARNING!
Do Not Unplug



3. Proper Management

Monitor temperatures!

- Check and record refrigerator and freezer temperatures twice a day, first thing in the morning and last thing at close of business. VFC temperature logs must be kept for a period of 3 years. If temperatures are out of range, contact the VFC Program immediately.
- Alarm devices are recommended for units containing more than \$15,000-worth of vaccine.
- Make sure that the door on each unit is shut tightly every time.

Maintain and rotate stock

- Rotate vaccine stock by placing vaccine that will expire first in the front of the unit.
- Send a short-dated form to the VFC Program listing any vaccine that will expire in 60-90 days that you will not use.
- Keep vaccines in original packaging until it is time to use it.
- Keep VFC vaccines separate from privately purchased vaccines.
- Have an emergency plan for extended power outages and refrigerator or freezer malfunctions.
- Designate one fully trained staff member to be the primary vaccine coordinator and at least one person to be a backup. Ensure ongoing training for staff.

Call VFC about any problems!

If you have any problems with your refrigerator or freezer:

- Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors shut
- Notify the Philadelphia VFC Program: **215-685-6872**