

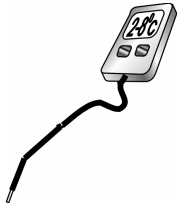
PACKING A VACCINE REFRIGERATOR (Domestic Fridge)

Do not allow ice to build up in freezer

Fill freezer with ice/gel packs or bottles of plain water (allow space between them for air circulation)

Allow room for cool air to circulate

Min/Max thermometer probe on the middle shelf next to vaccine vial



Bottles of salt water in door and lower drawers to help stabilise the temperature




Store vaccines in original packaging:


Top Shelf
MMR, Varicella, BCG


Middle Shelf (s)
DTPa-containing vaccines (eg DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib, ADT), Hib, influenza, varicella, pneumococcal, Hep A, Hep B,


Lower Shelf
Vaccine diluents, vaccine emergency drugs

2⁰C - 8⁰C
Maintain refrigerator temperature between 2⁰C and 8⁰C
Ideally at 5⁰C

 Do **NOT** store food, drinks or any other materials with vaccine

 Monitor and record minimum and maximum fridge temperature every day

 Secure the power source. Do **NOT** turn off or disconnect



CAUTION

If vaccines are exposed to temperatures outside the 2⁰C - 8⁰C range contact the

Illawarra Public Health Unit

for advice on

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