Refrigerator Setup for Vaccine Storage

Refrigerate all vaccines except MMR, MMRV, Varicella, and Zoster. Keep your refrigerator organized to protect vaccines and make vaccine inventory easier to manage.

Refrigerator-only Unit

- Separate VFC vaccines from privately purchased vaccines and label them clearly.
- Group and label vaccines by pediatric, adolescent, and adult types.
- Place vaccine boxes in breathable plastic mesh baskets or directly on shelves.
- Always keep vaccines in original boxes. Do not open the box until you are ready to use vaccines.
- Keep baskets 2-3 inches from walls and other baskets.
- Store only vaccines in vaccine storage units. If storage of medications is necessary, store below vaccines.
- Store vaccines with the earliest expiration dates to the front of the shelf.
- Keep temperatures in OK range
  - 36.0°F (2.0°C)
  - 46.0°F (8.0°C)

Usable space for vaccine is inside dashed lines.

- Do not block air vents.
- No vaccines in solid plastic trays or containers.
- No vaccines in doors.
- No food in refrigerator.
- No vaccines in drawers or on floor of refrigerator.

If you have any problems with your refrigerator, keep the refrigerator door shut and contact the VFC Call Center at (877) 243-8832.

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