



Vaccine Tips

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Summer is here and temperatures are rising, is your clinic ready for this heat?



California gets very dry and hot this time of year, causing more wildfires and putting more demand on power grids. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events may be initiated by utility companies to mitigate damage from or prevent these emergencies. The VFC Program acknowledges these potential fires and power outages can affect sites throughout the state and pose risk to vaccine storage and safety.

Here are some safety tips to help your practice endure this summer heat:

- Know what to do before you lose power. Review your clinic's [Vaccine Management Plan](#) – ensure it is up-to-date and easily accessible.
- Review the VFC Provider Operations Manual for [responding to vaccine-related emergencies](#) and be prepared in knowing [how to respond in a power outage](#).
- Replace batteries in [digital data loggers \(DDLs\)](#) to ensure continued operation and monitoring of storage unit temperatures during power outages.
- Make sure you have registered with your utility company's and county's emergency contact lists to receive PSPS alerts. If not, sign up as soon as possible.

Prevent Summertime Sadness, Practice Summer Safety!



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