Refrigerator Setup for Vaccine Storage

Store MMR, MMRV, and Varicella in the freezer. Keep your refrigerator organized to protect vaccines and make vaccine inventory easier to manage.

Refrigerator-only Unit

- Use buffers such as water bottles to stabilize refrigerator temperatures.
- 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.
  - If you have vaccines that will expire within 6 months that you will not be able to use, notify your IHS.
- Keep temperatures in OK range
  - 36.0°F 46.0°F
  - 2.0°C 8.0°C

If you have any problems with your refrigerator, keep the refrigerator door shut and follow the guidance on the following website: www.health.mil/vaccinescompromise.

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