

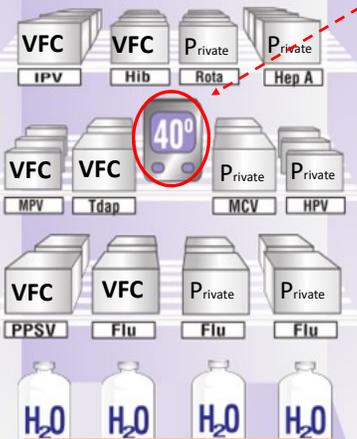
Best Practices for Vaccine Storage and Handling

Refrigerator-only unit

X Do not store vaccines on the top shelf near the vent.

✓ Store water bottles on the top shelf.

Thermometers at the center



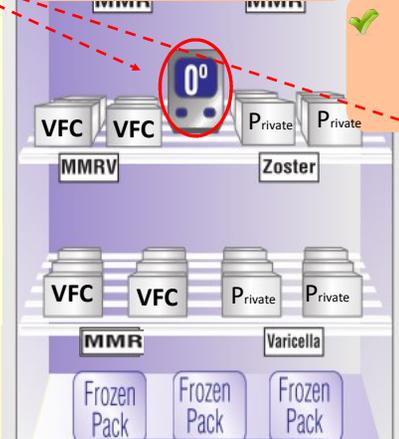
✓ Remove drawers and store water bottles at the bottom.

Keep temperatures between 36 to 46°F (2 to 8°C).

Freezer-only

X Do not store vaccines on the top shelf near the vent.

✓ Store frozen packs on the top shelf.



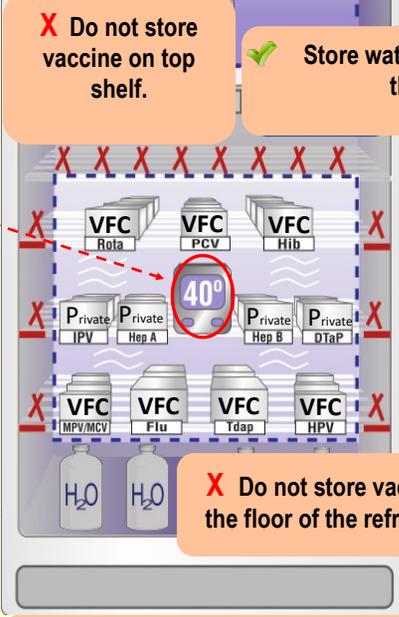
✓ Store frozen packs at the bottom of the unit.

Keep temperatures between +5 to -58°F (-15 to -50°C).

Combination unit

X The freezer portion of combination units should not be used for the storage of frozen vaccines.

X Do not store food.



X Do not store vaccine on the floor of the refrigerator.

The area in the box is the best place for storage of refrigerated vaccines

Do

- ✓** Place your thermometer probe (glycol bottle) at the center. Use a certified, calibrated thermometer.
- ✓** Store water bottles in refrigerators and frozen packs in freezers.
- ✓** Store vaccines in a breathable plastic bin or basket in their original package.
- ✓** Label your vaccines as VFC, private, adult and pediatric.
- ✓** Store vaccines 2-3 inches away from the wall of the unit or from other vaccines.
- ✓** Limit the number of times the unit is opened to prevent light and temperature exposure.
- ✓** Keep vaccines with shorter expiration date to the front of the shelf and rotate the stock every week.
- ✓** Maintain the refrigerator and freezer by regularly cleaning the coil, the motor and the interior part.
- ✓** Give a space of at least 4-6 inches of clearance between the unit and the wall of the room.
- ✓** Place your refrigerator or freezer in a well ventilated room.
- ✓** Post the "Do not unplug" warning sign around power outlets.

Don't

- X** Remove vaccines from their original package.
- X** Store vaccines on the door of a unit.
- X** Store vaccines near the vent of a refrigerator.
- X** Store food in the refrigerator or freezer.
- X** Store vaccines on the bottom or top shelves.
- X** Store vaccines close to the wall of the unit.
- X** Expose vaccines to sun light or fluorescent light.
- X** Store expired vaccines in your units.