National Vaccine Storage Guidelines –

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# Strive for 5

National Immunisation Program

A joint Australian, State and Territory Government Initiative

## Minimum/maximum vaccine refrigerator temperature chart

A temperature recording chart to record and plot current, minimum and maximum temperatures twice daily.

**Take immediate corrective action and record on the other side of this chart**

**COLD CHAIN BREACH STEPS (refer to Appendix 3 in Strive for 5)**

1. Immediately isolate the vaccines and prepare to transfer them into temporary monitored vaccine storage, if necessary. Start conditioning ice packs/gel packs.
2. Keep vaccines refrigerated between +2°C and +8°C for as long as possible, and label them ‘Do not use’ while preparing to transfer them.
3. Contact your state or territory health department as soon as possible (during business hours).
4. Do not discard any vaccine until advised to do so by your state or territory health department.
5. Take steps to correct the problem and to prevent it from recurring.
6. For privately purchased vaccines, contact the manufacturer for advice.
7. Record fridge temperature issues and actions on the flipside of this chart.
8. Determine if anyone has received compromised vaccine. Discuss your revaccination requirements with your state or territory health department.

# Vaccine storage troublesheet

A chart to record: Date; Time; Maximum or Minimum temperatures; Problem; Action taken; Results and Initials