

Evaluating Temperature Excursions

VFC Vaccine Temperature Requirements

Refrigerators

2 - 8° C

36 - 46° F

Freezers

(-40) - (-15)° C

(-40) - 5° F



So your clinic has had a temperature excursion...

Is the unit back in range?

Yes

Download the DDL/data logger of the unit that went out of range.

No

Do you have a different, in-range unit nearby you can safely and quickly move vaccine to, following your VFC Emergency Vaccine Transport Protocol?

No

Notify Chicago VFC immediately – call 312-746-5385 and email chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org. Await further guidance, but move vaccines if possible to a different, in-range unit if temperatures in your original unit aren't returning to normal.

Yes

Move the vaccine to the in-range unit. Use your backup DDL in the new unit. Note the time the vaccines were moved and continue monitoring the temperatures of the old and new units.

Email chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org with the following information:

- VFC PIN number
- DDL files including entire temperature excursion (or make sure it's uploaded to the cloud, if your clinic is on the cloud)
- Time vaccines were moved, if applicable, and anything else you've done to fix the situation
- An explanation of what happened
- A direct phone number to call you back on.