Freezer Setup for Vaccine Storage

A carefully organized freezer helps protect vaccines and facilitates vaccine inventory management. Freeze MMR, MMRV, Varicella, and Zoster vaccines.

- Separate the VFC vaccine supply from privately purchased vaccine and label them clearly.
- Group and label vaccines by pediatric, adolescent, and adult types.
- Place vaccine boxes in breathable plastic mesh boxes or directly on shelves.
- Always keep vaccines in their original boxes. Do not open the box until you are ready to use the vaccine.
- Keep baskets 2-3 inches from walls and other baskets.
- Store vaccines with the earliest expiration dates to the front of the shelf.
  - If you have vaccines that will expire in 3–6 months that you will not be able to use, notify the VFC Call Center.
- Keep temperatures 5.0°F or colder.
  - Aim for 0.0°F or colder

If you have any problems with your freezer, keep the freezer door shut and contact the VFC Program at (866) 674-4807.

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