Refrigerator Setup for Vaccine Storage

Refrigerate all vaccines except MMR, MMRV, Varicella, and Zoster.
Keep your refrigerator organized to protect vaccines and make vaccine inventory easier to manage.

Refrigerator-only Unit

- Separate VFC vaccines from privately purchased vaccines and label them clearly.
- 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.
- Keep temperatures in OK range
  - 36.0°F (2.0°C) - 46.0°F (8.0°C)

Usable space for vaccine is inside dashed lines.

Do not block air vents.
No vaccines in solid plastic trays or containers.
No vaccines in doors.
No food in refrigerator.
No vaccines in drawers or on floor of refrigerator.

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

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