

Best Practices for Vaccine Storage and Handling

Sample Refrigerator

✓ Clearly label VFC and private vaccines.

✓ Group vaccines (pediatric, adolescent, adult).

✓ Label shelf space or baskets to make vaccines easy to find.

✓ Position vaccines or baskets 2-3 inches away from walls, floor, and other baskets.

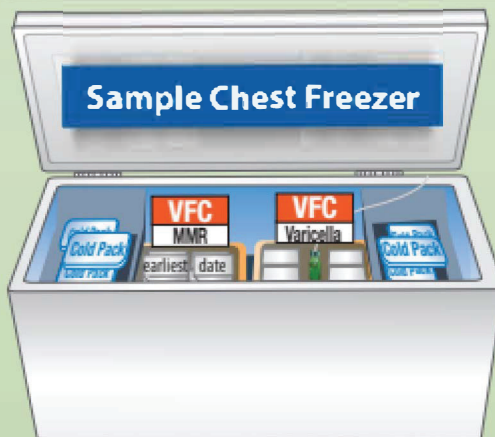
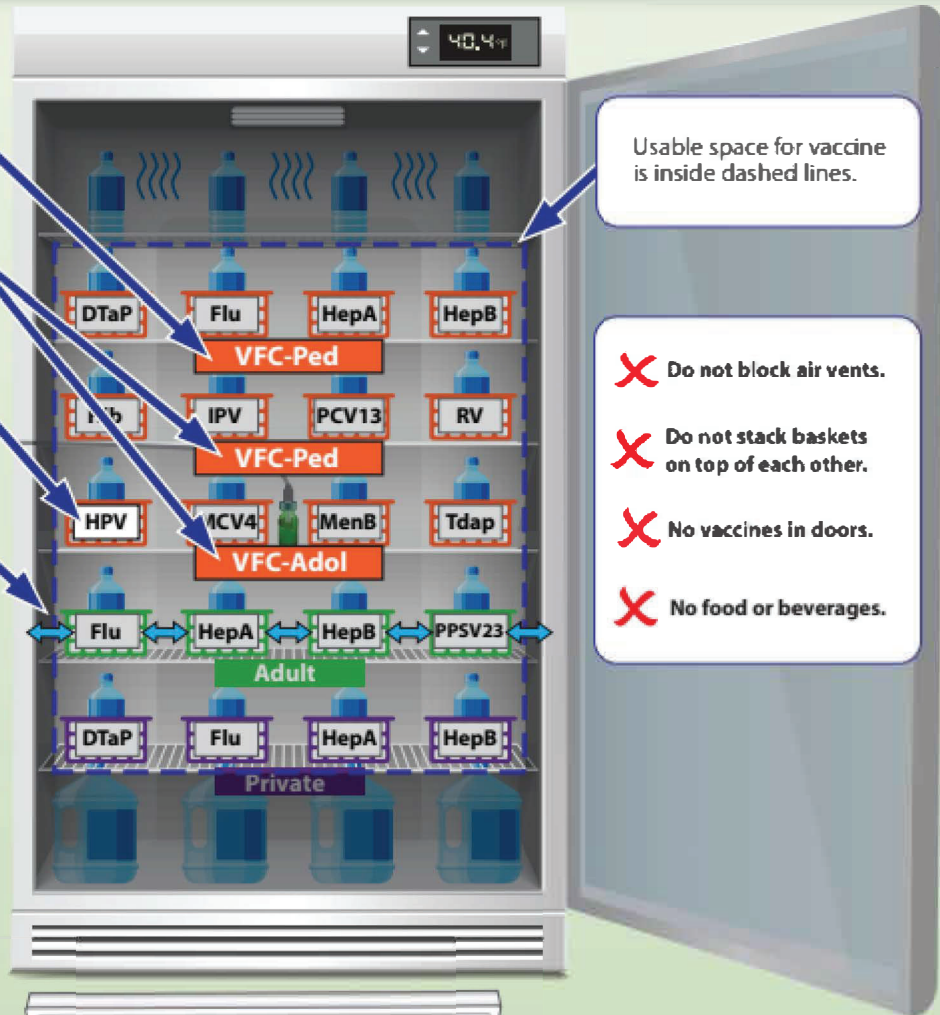
✓ Store vaccines in original packaging with earliest expiration date in front.

✓ Diluents may be stored next to refrigerated vaccines **unless** manufacturer states otherwise. Never store diluents in the freezer.

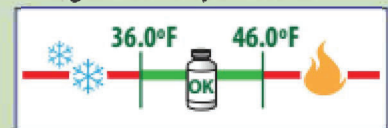
✓ If necessary, medications or biologics may be stored below vaccines and on a different shelf.

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Refrigerator temperatures



Freezer temperatures

