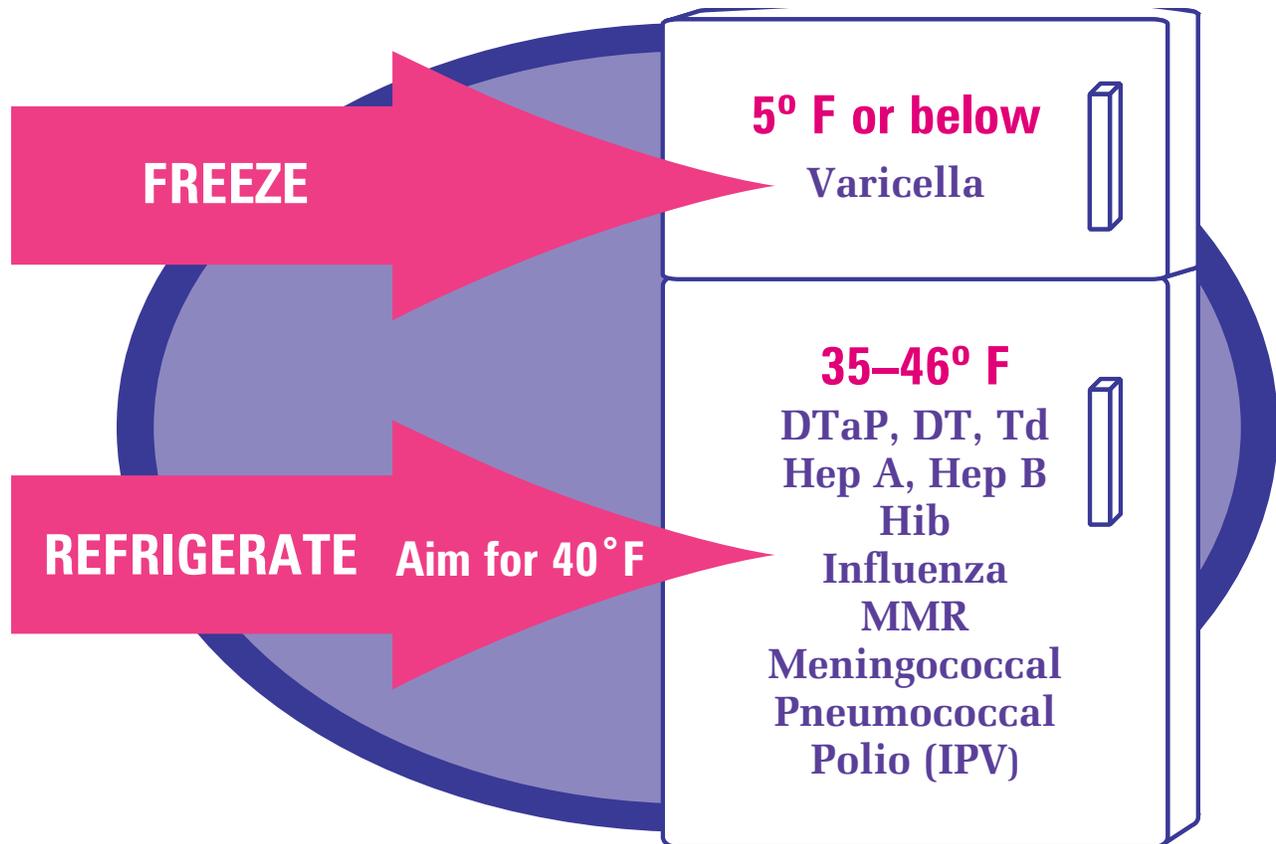


HANDLE WITH CARE

If we don't protect our vaccine, it won't protect our patients!



VACCINES ARE EXPENSIVE! *Look at what they cost per dose:*

DTaP	\$22.04	Hib	\$22.86	Meningococcal Conjugate	\$82.00
Hepatitis A	\$63.51	IPV	\$21.80	Pneumococcal Conjugate	\$65.95
Hepatitis B	\$59.70	MMR	\$38.05	Hep B-Hib	\$43.56
Influenza	\$13.00	Varicella	\$62.78	DTaP-Hep B-IPV	\$70.72

VACCINE HANDLING RULES

Refrigerate vaccine immediately.* Store varicella vaccine in freezer. Do not store any vaccine in the doors of refrigerator or freezer.

Protect MMR and varicella from light at all times. Don't get vial out until time to reconstitute and administer. Diluent does not need refrigeration.

Rotate vaccine stock to avoid outdating. Use short-dated vaccines first. If possible, keep vials in their boxes. Don't use outdated vaccine. Don't over-order.

Safeguard the refrigerator. Make sure it stays plugged in. It should have a safety-lock type plug. Post warning signs so maintenance workers don't unplug or turn off electricity.

Maintain proper temperatures in the refrigerator: 35°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C); and in the freezer: 5°F (-15°C) or lower. If space allows, keep temperatures stable by placing plastic containers of water in the refrigerator and cold packs (blue ice) in the freezer.

Check refrigerator and freezer twice a day, first thing in the morning and last thing at night. Record temperatures on a temperature log sheet (IMM-682).

*Refer to package insert for specific instructions on each vaccine. If you have questions about the condition of the vaccines at the time of delivery, first store item properly, then notify the supplier and get instructions. If it is VFC vaccine, call VFC Customer Service at 1-877-2GET-VFC (1-877-243-8832).