



Daily vaccine fridge temperature log



WA cold chain breach protocol

Follow the National Vaccine Storage Guidelines *Strive for 5*

Cold chain breach protocol

1. Immediately isolate the affected vaccines and mark as '**Do not use**'
2. **Do not discard any vaccines.**
3. Keep vaccines refrigerated between +2°C and +8°C.
4. Contact your Public Health Unit (PHU) Regional Immunisation Coordinator (RIC) as soon as possible in business hours.
5. Do not discard any vaccine until advised to do so by your RIC.
6. For privately purchased vaccines, contact the manufacturer for advice.

Reporting a cold chain breach

When notifying the RIC of a cold chain breach:

1. Complete the cold chain breach and vaccine wastage form available at www.health.wa.gov.au/coldchainbreach
2. Please provide a data logger printout with the cold chain breach form. The printout needs to be in a pdf format, with a table view of 5-minute recordings from prior to the breach commencing until after the fridge temperature is back in range.
3. Email the form to the RIC, then phone the RIC to follow up as required.

For further information, please refer to Appendix 3 of the National Vaccine Storage Guidelines – *Strive for 5*.

Principles of safe vaccine storage management

- A 'cold chain breach' occurs when vaccine storage temperatures deviate outside the recommended range of +2°C to +8°C. The optimal storage temperature for vaccines is +5°C.
- Store vaccines in a purpose-built vaccine fridge.
- Monitor and record the vaccine fridge temperature twice daily.
- Ensure the minimum and maximum temperatures are re-set after reviewing and recording.
- Vaccine management is everyone's responsibility; ensure there is a back-up staff member to take on that role if needed.
- Ensure all people involved in vaccine transport, storage and administration are trained to maintain vaccine cold chain.
- Perform vaccine storage self-audits every 12 months (see Appendix 2 of *Strive for 5*).

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WA PHU Regional Immunisation Coordinator (RIC) contact list

If not sure of your closest PHU, check PHU contact details at: www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/publichealthunits

Metro CDC

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Goldfields

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