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### Temperature Log for Refrigerator – Celsius

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## Vaccine Storage Troubleshooting Record

(check one)  □ Refrigerator  □ Freezer  □ Ultra-Cold Freezer

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### Action Taken
(Document thoroughly. This information is critical to determining whether the vaccine might still be viable!)

- When were the affected vaccines placed in proper storage conditions? (Note: Do not discard the vaccine. Store exposed vaccine in proper conditions and label it “do not use” until after you can discuss with your state/local health department and/or the manufacturer(s).)
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### Results

- What happened to the vaccine? Was it able to be used? If not, was it returned to the distributor? (Note: For public-purchase vaccine, follow your state/local health department instructions for vaccine disposition.)

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At 8 am on Monday (6/21/2021) morning when clinic opened, identified 3 temperature excursions over the weekend in refrigerator with readings as high as 12º, 10º & 9ºC in primary vaccine storage unit #1. Recordings taken every 15 min on calibrated digital data logger overnight. Data logger probe in glycol located in middle of refrigerator with vaccines. Total time out of range: approximately 3 hrs — maximum temp 12ºC (see attached document of continuous temp readings). 

Inventory of vaccines: see attached.

Water bottles in refrigerator door. No vaccine stored in freezer. No problems with storage unit prior to Saturday night. Thunderstorms in area over weekend may have affected power.

**Action Taken** (Document thoroughly. This information is critical to determining whether the vaccine might still be viable!)

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Vaccines currently stored appropriately at 5ºC. Refrigerator and vaccines labeled “Do Not Use.”

My State Immunization Program contacted at 8:30 am. Spoke with Victor Vaccine. Provided Victor with details of event and list of vaccines. Vaccine to remain quarantined until we hear back from Victor.

Called electric company and confirmed 2 short power outages during weekend.

Checked refrigerator seals — called refrigerator maintenance company to replace seals.

Checked plug on unit — placed tape over plug to prevent inadvertent dislodging. Plan to purchase plug guard.

Plan to follow up with Immunization Program on data loggers with alarms that could be sent to coordinator and back-up phones.

**Results**

- What happened to the vaccine? Was it able to be used? If not, was it returned to the distributor? (Note: For public-purchase vaccine, follow your state/local health department instructions for vaccine disposition.)

Late on Monday, I talked with Victor regarding continued use of vaccine. Victor had checked with manufacturers which confirmed that vaccine is acceptable for use. He told me that vaccine could therefore be removed from quarantine. I discussed the entire situation with Susie Supervisor and Dr. Director (clinic medical director) who agreed that we could put vaccine back in use.
**Vaccine Storage Troubleshooting Record**

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When checked main clinic fridge (in lab) at 8:00 am on Tuesday, 7/27/2021, digital readout on data logger read -2°C. Data logger located in center of fridge with probe in glycol. Review of computer readings (taken every 15 minutes) showed steady drop in temps from 6°C at 8:15 pm (7/26/2021) to -2°C reading discovered when arrived at clinic on Tuesday morning (7/27/2021). Readings hit 1°C at 11 pm (7/26) and 0°C at 2 am (7/27). Total time out of recommended storage temps = 9 hours, with 6 hours at freezing or below (see attached document of continuous temp readings). Inventory of vaccines attached.

Water bottles in refrigerator door and crisper area. No vaccines stored in freezer. No recent adjustments to temp controls and no previous temp excursions noted with this refrigerator before 7/27.

**Action Taken (Document thoroughly. This information is critical to determining whether the vaccine might still be viable!)**

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Upon discovery, vaccines marked “Do Not Use” and stored in 2nd clinic fridge (in exam room #3 at 5°C). Also placed “Do Not Use” note on main fridge in lab. Notified Susie Supervisor about the issue. Contacted Victor Vaccine at My State Immunization Program at 8:30 am. Provided Victor with details of event and list of vaccines in fridge. Victor said to maintain vaccines in 2nd fridge and that he would check with manufacturers to determine next steps.

**Called Jim’s Appliance  Repair to examine fridge. Repairman found and replaced faulty thermostat in unit.**

Reset data logger on center shelf in fridge with probe in glycol.

**Results**

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After fridge thermostat repaired, monitored temps in empty fridge for 1 week, per state requirements. Fridge maintained 4°C to 5°C temps for entire week. Submitted repair documentation and data logger readings to Victor Vaccine for approval and ordered replacement vaccines. Victor had checked with manufacturers who confirmed that all vaccines in fridge EXCEPT MMR were no longer viable and should be returned per state policy guidelines. MMR may be used because pkg insert allows storage down to -50°C. Discussed entire situation with Susie Supervisor and clinic director, Dr. Director, who agreed on continued use of MMR. Will continue to monitor fridge closely to watch for pattern of temp fluctuations indicating potential problem with thermostat. If problems, contact Victor Vaccine for advice on purchasing new fridge meeting criteria for appropriate vaccine storage.