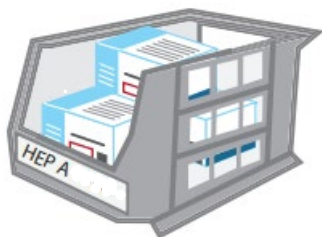


# Maine Immunization Program (MIP) Best Practices for Storing Frozen Vaccines- Fahrenheit (F)

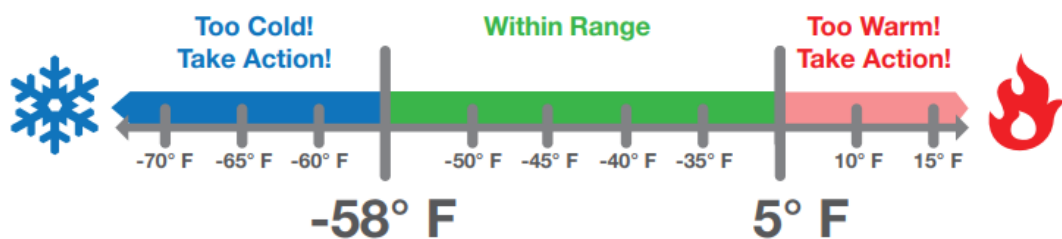
## Unpack frozen vaccines immediately upon receipt



1. Confirm the temperature monitor in the shipping container shows vaccines remain viable.
  - a. If not within-range, call the number on the packing slip to report findings.
2. Match the vaccines received to the packing slip provided ensuring quantity matches. If there are questions regarding shipment or vaccine viability, contact MIP right away.
3. Place the vaccines in appropriate containers that allow for proper airflow.
4. Put vaccines that are first to expire in the front.
5. Keep vaccines in original boxes with the lids closed to prevent exposure to light.
6. Label the vaccines by type and MIP or Private stock.

## Store Vaccines at Proper Temperature: -10°F

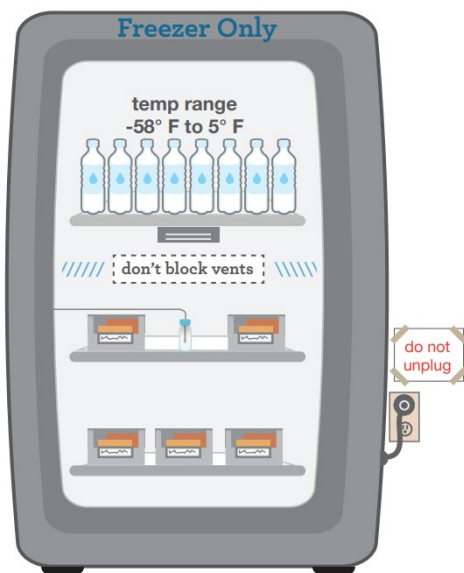
### Frozen Vaccines



**Report out-of-range temperatures to MIP immediately!**

Contact MIP at 207-287-3746

## Use Vaccine Storage Best Practices



### DO

Make sure the freezer door is closed!



- ✓ Place water bottles to help maintain consistent temperatures.
- ✓ Label water bottles "Do Not Drink".
- ✓ Leave 2-3 inches between vaccine containers and freezer walls.
- ✓ Post "Do Not Unplug" signs on freezer and electrical outlet being used.

### NEVER use dormitory style fridge/freezer unit.

- Do NOT use top shelf for vaccine storage if a fan is blowing directly on it.
- Do NOT put food or beverages in refrigerator or drink from water bottles.
- Do NOT use the floor or door of unit for vaccine storage.
- Do NOT refreeze thawed vaccines.
- Do NOT drink from or remove water bottles



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