

Refrigerator Follow-up Procedure:

1. Determine when the power went out, as precisely as possible.
2. Check refrigerator temperature.
3. If the refrigerator temperature exceeds 46°F (8°C), collect data about the length of time the vaccine was stored outside of the correct temperature range, at what temperature it was kept and how many doses are involved.
4. Call the Vaccine For Children (VFC) Program at 206.296.4774 for help in assessing the viability of the vaccines. Check with the manufacturer of the individual reagents for help in assessing the viability of the reagents.
5. Do not use the vaccines unless the VFC Program or the manufacturer has approved it for use. Do not discard any vaccine without first obtaining approval from the VFC Program. Reagents may be used if their storage has not been compromised. Do not discard any reagents without first obtaining approval from the laboratory director.

Freezer Follow-up Procedure:

1. Determine when the power went out, as precisely as possible.
2. Check freezer temperature.
3. If the freezer temperature exceeds 5°F (-15°C), collect data about the length of time the vaccine was stored outside of the correct temperature range, at what temperature it was kept and how many doses are involved.
4. Call VFC Program at 206.296.4774 for help in assessing the viability of the vaccines. Check with the manufacturer of the individual reagents for help in assessing the viability of the reagents.
5. Do not use the vaccines unless the VFC Program or the manufacturer has approved it for use. Do not discard any vaccine without first obtaining approval from the VFC Program. Reagents may be used if their storage has not been compromised. Do not discard any reagents without first obtaining approval from the laboratory director.

References:

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