

Managing a Cold Chain Breach

Check and record vaccine fridge temperatures twice daily

If temperatures have gone below 2°C OR above 8°C

**ISOLATE
VACCINES**

AND

**ALERT &
DO NOT USE**

AND

**DO NOT
DISCARD**

Ensure vaccines can continue to be stored between +2°C to +8°C.
Vaccines may need to be transferred to an alternative monitored fridge or cooler

*Record temperatures on the NSW Health Vaccine Cooler
Temperature Chart available at www.health.nsw.gov.au/manage-ccb

**DOWNLOAD DATA LOGGER
AND INVESTIGATE**

- Investigate cause
- Download and review data logger readings
- Review twice daily min/max temperature chart
- Identify if vaccines have been affected by a previous breach

Temperature above +8°C to less than +12°C for less than 15 minutes?

NO

YES

REPORT

Record temperatures
Reset min/max thermometer
Wait until fridge is within +2°C to +8°C
No further action required

Government funded vaccines

Private vaccines/medications

Report to the Public Health Unit (PHU)
Business hours: 1300 066 055
After hours: Isolate vaccines & contact PHU
next business day

For privately purchased vaccines and
medications, contact the manufacturer for
advice

Complete and return the *Cold Chain Breach
Reporting Form to the PHU and await advice

Download the CCB form at
www.health.nsw.gov.au/ccb