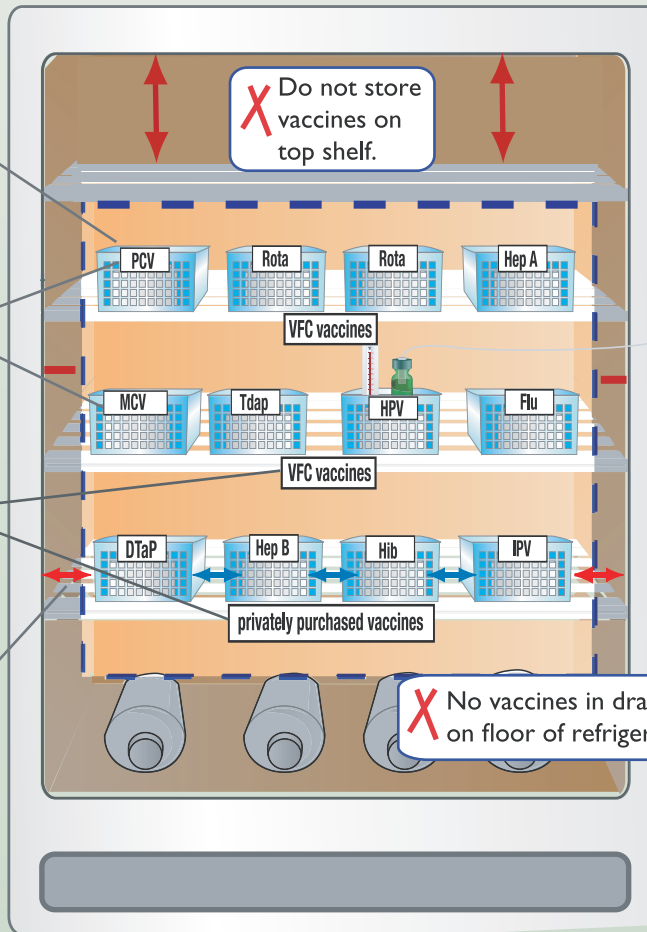


Storing Vaccines in a Stand-Alone Refrigerator Unit

Carefully organize vaccines in a refrigerator to help protect them and facilitate inventory management. Refrigerate all vaccines except varicella; zoster; and measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV), which should be frozen. Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) may be refrigerated or frozen.

Usable space is limited to inside the dashed lines

- ✓ Keep vaccines in original boxes, then in breathable plastic mesh baskets. Clearly label baskets by type of vaccine.
- ✓ Group vaccines by pediatric, adolescent and adult types.
- ✓ Separate VFC vaccine supply from privately purchased vaccines.
- ✓ Keep baskets two to three inches from walls and other baskets.
- ✓ Store only vaccines and other medications in vaccine storage units.



✗ Keep vaccines away from any cold air vents.

✗ No vaccines in doors.

✗ No vaccines in solid plastic trays or containers.

✗ No food or drinks in refrigerator.

✗ No medications or biologics on shelves above vaccines.

✗ No vaccines in drawers or on floor of refrigerator.

✓ Place vaccines with shorter expiration dates toward front of shelf.

If you have vaccines that will expire within six months **and will remain unused**, notify the NYC VFC program.

✓ Keep temperatures between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C).

Aim for 40°F/5°C.

If you have any problems with your refrigerator or VFC vaccines, please notify the NYC VFC program at 347-396-2404.