

# VACCINE STORAGE UNIT

## Do all of your vaccine storage units pass?

1.  NO STORAGE UNIT SHOULD BE A DORM STYLE UNIT (one that includes a freezer and only a single door).
2.  STORAGE UNITS SHOULD BE A SINGLE UNIT.
3.  THERE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT ROOM IN THE UNIT TO ALLOW PROPER AIR CIRCULATION.
4.  VACCINES SHOULD NEVER BE STORED ON THE DOOR, VEGETABLE BINS OR ON THE BOTTOM FLOOR OF THE UNIT.
5.  DILUENT SHOULD ONLY BE STORED IN THE REFRIGERATOR OR IN THE CUPBOARD.
6.  ALL VACCINES SHOULD BE STORED IN THEIR ORIGINAL BOX. MANY ARE LIGHT SENSITIVE!
7.  FOOD OR DRINKS SHOULD NEVER BE STORED IN THE VACCINE STORAGE UNIT.
8.  FOR ADDED INSULATION, HELP STABILIZE TEMPERATURES AND TO PREVENT VACCINE FROM BEING PUSHED UP AGAINST A WALL – WATER BOTTLES SHOULD BE PLACED AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE SHELVES AND ON THE DOOR.
9.  THE TEMPERATURE RANGE OF A REFRIGERATOR UNIT MUST BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN 2°C to 8°C. FREEZERS ARE -15° TO -50°.
10.  EVERY STORAGE UNIT THAT HOLDS STATE SUPPLIED VACCINE MUST CONTAIN A 24/7 MONITORING DEVICE THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS SPECIFICATIONS. \*
11.  THE GLYCOL BOTTLE/THERMOMETER SHOULD ALWAYS BE IN THE CENTER OF THE UNIT.
12.  STORAGE UNITS SHOULD NEVER BE PLUGGED INTO A POWER STIP.
13.  A “DO NOT UNPLUG-VACCINES INSIDE” STICKER SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE UNITS DOOR AND NEAR THE OUTLET THAT UNIT IS PLUGGED INTO.
14.  BE SURE TO LABEL THE CIRCUIT BREAKER THAT IS CONNECTED TO YOUR STORAGE UNIT. “DO NOT SWITCH OFF POWER”.
15.  A VELCRO STRIP IS ADDED PROTECTION AGAINST THE DOOR BEING LEFT AJAR!
16.  VACCINES SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED TO EXPIRE! IF THIS HAPPENS IT SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE STORAGE UNIT IMMEDIATELY, LABELED, AND PREPARED FOR RETURN TO MCKESSON.

\*All Data Loggers and thermometers must have a *Certificate of Calibration* on file in your office.