

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Screening & Immunization	SUBJECT: Vaccine Refrigerator Temperature Monitoring	SECTION: D POLICY: 13
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VACCINE REFRIGERATOR TEMPERATURE MONITORING

POLICY:

Refrigerators used for the storage of vaccines will be located in a secure area, accessible to staff only, and will be used only for the storage of vaccines. No personal items are to be placed in any of the refrigerators.

PROCEDURE:

The DNPC will:

- 1) Take refrigerator temperature twice daily. **Refrigerator temperature acceptable range: 2°C to 8°C**
- 2) Record temperature in a logbook supplied by the local Public Health Unit (PHU).
- 3) Only store vaccines supplied by the PHU in the vaccine refrigerator.
- 4) Store vaccines on the middle shelves of the refrigerator, and never on the door or in the drawers.
- 5) Retain the logbook for a period of one year.
- 6) Notify the local PHU if it is noted that the temperature falls outside of the above guidelines. Public Health will advise what is to be done with the vaccine.
- 7) Take immediate steps to repair/replace the refrigerator and re-order replacement vaccine.
- 8) Verify Vaccine expiration dates monthly.
- 9) Dispose of any vaccine noted to be out of date through the local PHU.
- 10) Dispose of any open vial after one month as directed.
- 11) Monitor that only vaccines supplied by the PHU are stored in the vaccine refrigerator.

12) Use an insulated container as specified by Public Health to transport vaccines from Public Health to site and while conducting on-site clinics.

13) Record temperatures of the insulated container as outlined in referenced guidelines.