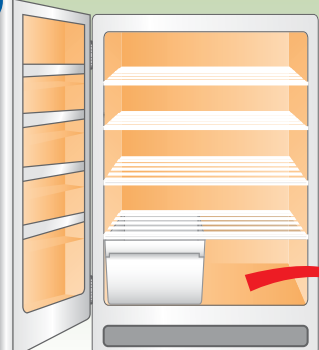


Vaccine Refrigerator Setup

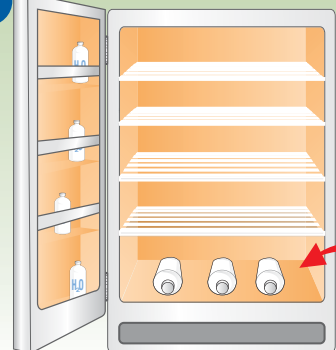
Preparing for Vaccine Storage

1




Vaccines should not be stored in refrigerator doors, drawers, or bins. Remove all drawers and bins.

2

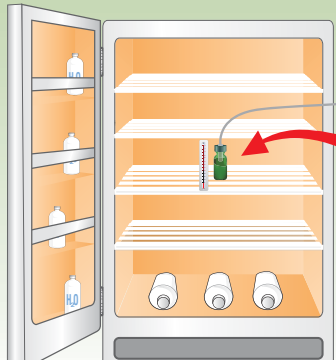


Put a few water bottles and/or cold packs in areas where vaccines will not be stored.

3

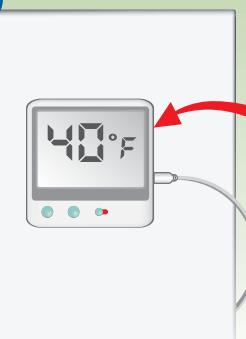


Two thermometers are needed to ensure accurate temperatures. Many practices use a digital thermometer as the primary and a liquid-filled or dial thermometer as the back-up.



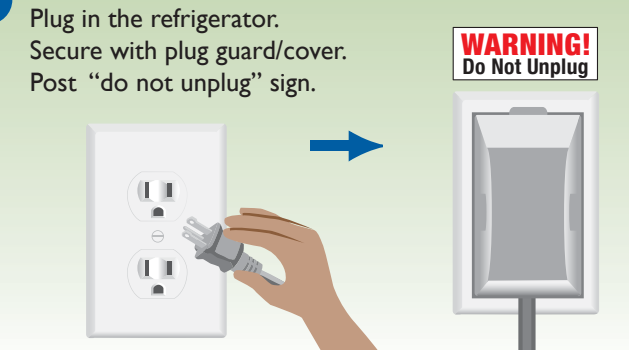
Place the probe of the digital thermometer in the center of the refrigerator. Place the back-up thermometer next to the probe.

4



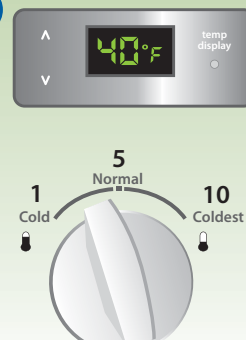
Attach the display of the digital thermometer to the outside of refrigerator, either on the door or on the side. Set the temperature modes. (To learn how to set the modes of a digital thermometer, refer to the EZ-IZ job aid Vaccine Thermometers.)

5



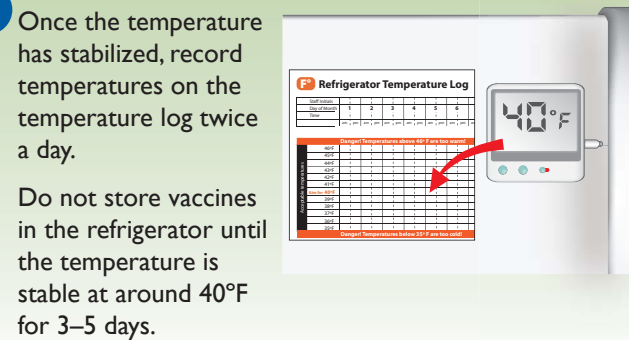
Plug in the refrigerator. Secure with plug guard/cover. Post "do not unplug" sign.

6



Set the refrigerator temperature. If the refrigerator has a thermostat, set it for 40°F. If it has a dial with a range of numbers, set it below the middle of its range. The next morning, check the temperature and adjust it until it stabilizes at approximately 40°F.

7



Once the temperature has stabilized, record temperatures on the temperature log twice a day. Do not store vaccines in the refrigerator until the temperature is stable at around 40°F for 3–5 days.