

IN THE EVENT OF A COLD CHAIN BREACH

Immediately isolate the vaccines.

Keep isolated vaccines refrigerated between
+2°C and +8°C. Label “**DO NOT USE**”.

**Do not discard any vaccine until advice has been
sought from Public and Environment Health
(DHHS).**

Contact Public and Environment Health
as soon as possible.

Free call 1800 671 738 or 6222 7724.

**Take active steps to correct and prevent the
problem recurring.**

**Log fridge after repair and prior to re-stocking,
talk to the Division of General Practice.**

For privately purchased vaccines, contact the
manufacturer for advice.



THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL ASSIST WITH RAPID DECISION MAKING ABOUT A SUSPECTED COLD CHAIN BREACH WHEN YOU CONTACT PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENT HEALTH.

- Date of breach
- Do you store your vaccines in a domestic or purpose-built vaccine refrigerator?
- Minimum and maximum temperature reading?
- Are Cold Chain Monitors (CCMs) stored with the vaccines? If 'yes', be ready to report the reading when breach was noticed
- When was the thermometer last reset?
- When was the thermometer battery last changed?
- When was the last check on the accuracy of the thermometer done?
- How long do you think the temperature was outside $+2^{\circ}\text{C}$ $+8^{\circ}\text{C}$?
- How long do you think these problems have been occurring?
- Where is the temperature probe situated?
- Where are your vaccines stored in the refrigerator?
- What type and number of vaccines are in your current stock?
- What is the expiry date of your vaccines?
- Have vaccines been pushed up against the cooling plate or a cold air outlet?
- Are the vaccines in their packaging?
- If a domestic refrigerator – are the vaccines in enclosed plastic containers?
- Are there water bottles in the doors, unused shelves and drawers of the refrigerator?
- What do you think was the cause of the cold chain breach?
- Has the cause of the cold chain breach been rectified?
- Has anybody been vaccinated with potentially affected vaccines?