

# Vaccine Storage Safety !

Be sure vaccines protect.  
Handle with care!

## Vaccines and Your Fridge

✓	Store <i>only</i> vaccines in the fridge
✓	Do not store anything else (ex: lunches, drinks or laboratory specimens) in the refrigerator with vaccines
✓	Store vaccines on the middle shelves of the fridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• group vaccines by product</li><li>• place short-dated product near the front (rotate stock)</li></ul>
✓	Use plastic baskets that are clearly labelled to separate vaccines which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• allows for adequate air circulation</li><li>• decreases vaccine use error</li><li>• increases efficiency when re-ordering vaccines</li></ul>
✓	Do not store vaccines in the door or in the bottom level (drawers) of the fridge
✓	No more the 50% of the internal volume of the fridge should be filled with vaccine
✓	Store full bottles of water (labelled "Do Not Drink") on empty shelves, on the bottom level and in the door of the fridge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This helps to maintain stable temperature if the fridge door is opened frequently or in the event of a power failure.</li></ul>

Please post the enclosed fridge magnet (**ORGANIZING YOUR FRIDGE**) on your vaccine fridge.