Temperature Monitoring Best Practices for Refrigerated Vaccines-Fahrenheit (F)

1 Store vaccines at ideal temperature: 40° F



Exception: MMR can be stored in refrigerator or freezer

vaccines!

Refrigerated Vaccines



Report out-of-range temperatures immediately!

2 Record daily temperatures



3 steps, daily: Check and record min/max temperatures at the start of the workday.

Min/Max: The coldest and warmest temperatures in the refrigerator since you last reset the thermometer

Note: If your device does not display min/max temperatures, then check and record current temperature a minimum of 2 times (at start and end of workday)

- **Reset:** The button you push after you have recorded the min/max temperatures
- **Current temperature:** Check current temperature each time you access vaccines in the refrigerator

Best Practices

3 Take action if out of range!

- Contact your state or local health department immediately. Or for private vaccines, call the manufacturer directly.
- Tell them the total amount of time the refrigerator temperature was out of range.

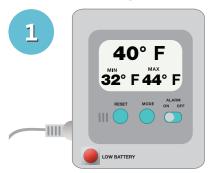
- **Take your time.** Check and record temperatures accurately.
- **Make your mark!** Initial the log when recording temperatures.
- Leave it blank. If min/max temperatures were not recorded, leave the space blank!



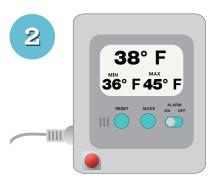
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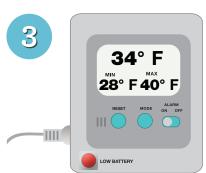
Review the temperature readings below and select the correct answer.



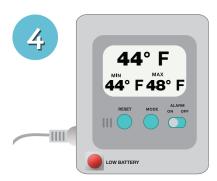
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"Take action" means (circle any that apply):

- **A.** Remove all vaccines that are out of range and discard them.
- **B.** Call the state/local VFC program (or manufacturer for private vaccines) for guidance.
- **C.** Notify the practice's vaccine coordinator to get the refrigerator temperature back in range.
- **D.** Thaw any vaccines that were frozen for 45 minutes.