Freezer Setup for Vaccine Storage

A carefully organized freezer helps protect vaccine and facilitates vaccine inventory management. Freeze MMRV, Varicella and Zoster vaccines. MMR vaccine can be stored in the refrigerator or freezer.

- Place vaccine in breathable plastic mesh baskets and clearly label baskets by type of vaccine.
- Always keep vaccine in its original box. Do not open the box until you are ready to use the vaccine.
- Separate the VFC vaccine supply from privately purchased vaccine and label them clearly.
- Keep vaccine with the earliest expiration dates to front of shelf. If you have vaccine that will expire in 3–6 months that you will not be able to use, notify the VFC Program.
- Keep temperatures 5°F or colder. Aim for 0°F and colder. Above 5°F is too warm! Call VFC.

If you have any problems with your freezer, keep the freezer door shut and notify the California VFC Program at (877) 243-8832.

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