

What kind of refrigeration should I use?

Commercial/Household Refrigerators

Stand-alone

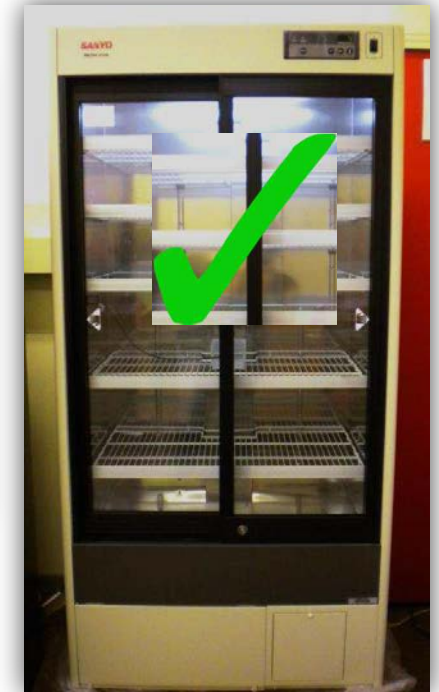
Combination



Pharmaceutical/Purpose built Refrigerators

Under-Counter

Full-sized



Dual-zone combination units are acceptable for storage of refrigerated vaccines only- do not use the freezer for vaccine storage

CDC Recommends:

Stand-Alone

*Recommended by the CDC

- Can maintain appropriate storage temperatures without fluctuation during the clinic day
- Amount of vaccine and packing style do not appear to have a major impact on ability of the unit to maintain the vaccine temperature

Pharmaceutical Grade

- Can maintain appropriate storage temperatures without fluctuation
- Temperatures remained stable during defrost cycles
- Amount of vaccine, packing style, and door opening have negligible effect on capability to maintain temperature

Combination Household Units

Acceptable alternative for refrigerated vaccines, only:

- Can maintain refrigerated temperatures,
 - but freezer may not maintain appropriate temperatures for frozen vaccine storage
 - Even with freezer control set to “coldest” vaccines stored inside freezer section can experience temperature excursions above 5°F (-15°C) especially during defrost cycles
- Separate stand-alone freezer should be used for frozen vaccines
 - Freezer can accurately maintain required frozen vaccine temperatures without fluctuations

VFC Storage Requirement- VFC vaccines **must not** be stored dormitory style refrigerators/freezers *at any time*