

COLD CHAIN BREACH PROCESS



Is it a cold chain breach?

- Temperature **above 12°C**? **Cold Chain Breach**
- Temperature **below 2°C**? **Cold Chain Breach**
- Between **8°C to 12°C**? Check duration: **Longer** than 15 minutes? **Cold Chain Breach**

What to do following a cold chain breach:

1. Immediately **QUARANTINE** vaccines
2. Label fridge “DO NOT USE, DO NOT DISCARD” and advise all staff
3. Report breach to Public Health Unit (PHU)
4. **DO NOT use** the vaccines until further instruction from the Public Health Unit
5. **DO NOT discard** the vaccines until further instruction from the Public Health Unit

How to report a breach:

1. You will need the following documents:
 - a. Completed [Cold Chain Breach and Vaccine Wastage Reporting Form](#) (fill out electronically)
 - b. Data Logger graph and 5 minute report
 - c. Min/max temperature chart
2. Email to your Public Health Unit at
 - a. SESLHD-PublicHealthUnit-IMMTeam@health.nsw.gov.au
 - b. SLHD-Immunisation@health.nsw.gov.au

Next steps - What to do with the vaccines:

1. Keep vaccines QUARANTINED – DO NOT use, DO NOT discard
2. Public Health Unit will email the form back to you with advice
3. You will be provided with instructions on which vaccines to **”retain”** and which vaccines to **”discard”**
4. “Retain” vaccines are required to be labelled with the Cold chain breach sticker:



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5. “Discard” vaccines are to be disposed of at local pharmacy