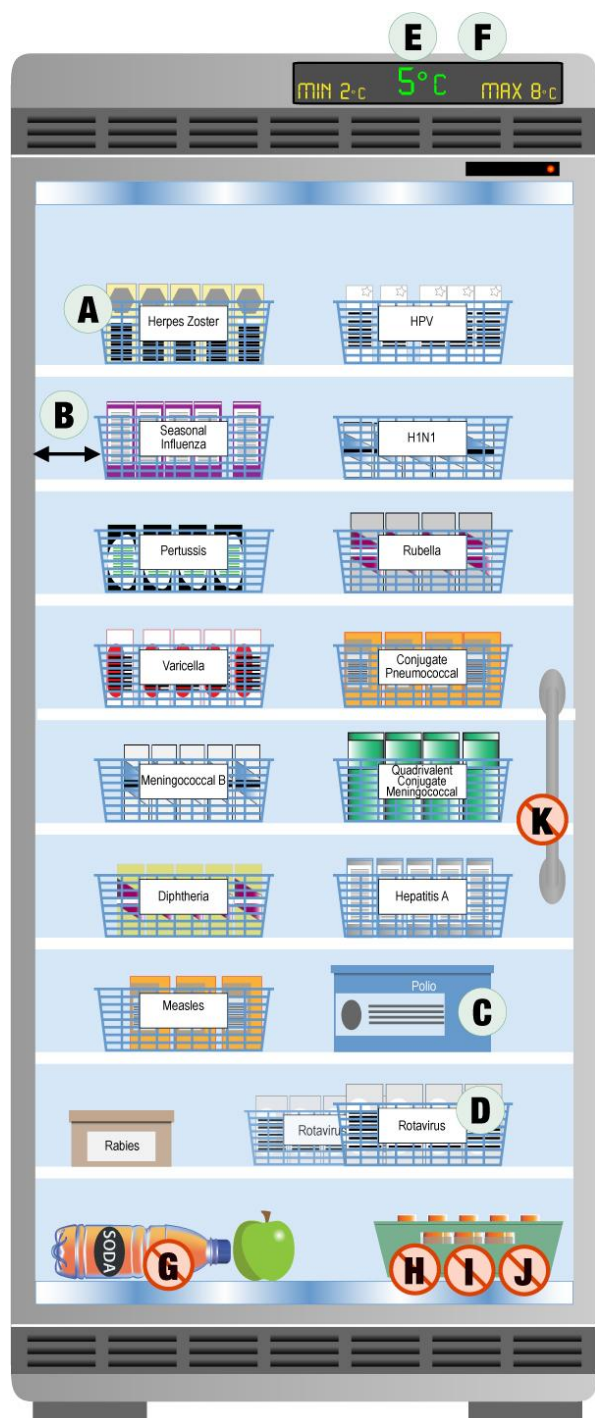


Organising your Purpose-Built Vaccine Refrigerator

From November 2015, the NSW Ministry of Health mandated that practices with a vaccine account to own a data logger, have it installed in their fridge and download the data weekly.



Do:

- Place vaccine in breathable plastic mesh baskets and clearly label baskets by type of vaccine
- Keep baskets 5 to 8 cm from walls and other baskets to ensure air circulation
- Keep vaccine in their original boxes until you are ready to use them (vaccines are light sensitive)
- Keep vaccines with shorter expiration dates to the front of the shelf/basket
- Keep temperature between 2°C and 8°C (Strive for 5°C)
- Check and log min/max temperatures twice a day & download data logger data once a week. Report any cold chain breaches

Do Not:

- Store food or drink in the refrigerator used for vaccine storage
- Place vaccine in solid plastic trays or containers
- Store vials out of their original individual packaging
- Place vaccine in drawers or on floor of refrigerator
- Open door more than necessary
- Place the data logger too close to the fridge door

For further information on Data Loggers, please view our information sheet on our website www.cesphn.org.au or [download it here](#).