

# Cold chain breach

What action should you take?



$\leq 0^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $\geq 25^{\circ}\text{C}$  for any length of time

Report immediately, do not use or discard vaccines,  
alert staff and put sign on fridge

$8^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $< 13^{\circ}\text{C}$  for  $< 15$  minutes

No action required

$> 8^{\circ}\text{C}$  but  $< 25^{\circ}\text{C}$  for  $< 6$  hours, single occasion

Do not report, manage cause,  
document breach date and duration,  
mark all vaccines with pen

$> 8^{\circ}\text{C}$  but  $< 25^{\circ}\text{C}$  on subsequent occasion(s)

Report immediately, do not use or discard vaccines,  
alert staff and put sign on fridge



Download the report form at [www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation)  
Complete all sections and submit the form for advice.  
If required call 1300 882 008 for cold chain breach advice.

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