



# Durham Region Health Department **FAX about...**

For Health Care Professionals



## **It's Time to Spring Forward and Change Your Batteries**

Vaccine thermometer batteries should be changed every six months to ensure fridge monitoring is accurate and cold chain is maintained (Daylight Savings Time is a helpful reminder). Spring is also a great time for a spring cleaning of your vaccine fridge.

### **Spring cleaning checklist:**

- Check the expiry dates of all vaccines and diluents. Ensure all expired products are removed from the fridge and returned to the Durham Region Health Department.
- Store vaccines in original packaging and organize by product.
- Maintain space between vaccines to allow for air circulation and store vaccine on internal shelves.
- Ensure no food, beverages, or specimens are in the vaccine fridge. Cold water bottles are permitted to assist with the regulation of fridge temperatures.

As a reminder, please call the Durham Region Health Department immediately if fridge temperatures go below +2 °C or above +8 °C. Report all cold chain incidents by calling 905-668-7711 ext. 3063.

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905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | [durham.ca/health](https://durham.ca/health)

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

