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It's Time to Fall Back! Change Your Batteries for the Fall!

Your vaccine thermometer batteries should be changed every six months. A good reminder is to change them with every daylight saving time change. This fall, daylight saving time ends on **Sunday, November 4, 2018**.

Vaccine Storage and Handling Tips

- Ensure to only order a **one month** supply of vaccine at a time.
- Check **expiry dates monthly** to ensure vaccines with the shortest expiration date are used first. Any expired vaccines should be removed from the vaccine fridge immediately and returned to the Health Department.
- Ensure all vaccines and diluents are stored in their **original packaging** to protect them from exposure to light.
- In case of a power failure, ensure you have **enough back up coolers** to hold your vaccine supply. You will also need ice packs (stored in a freezer), water blankets (stored in a fridge) and a thermometer to ensure your vaccine stays between **+2°C to +8°C**.
- Call the Health Department **immediately** if your vaccine fridge temperature goes outside of the +2 °C to +8 °C range. You can reach us at **905-668-7711 ext. 3063**.

Health care provider resources now available to order online durham.ca/HCP.

Durham Region Health Department: 905-668-7711, 1-800-841-2729

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