



CDC's Temperature Excursion Checklist

1. Checklist for general power loss

- ☐ Contact utility company
- ☐ Determine if time to restoration is acceptable
- ☐ Activate alternate generator if available

2. Checklist for presumed storage unit malfunction (DISPOSITION OF STORAGE UNIT if Unit is too warm, too cold, too noisy, or stopped):

- ☐ Check circuit breakers
- ☐ Unit plugged in
- ☐ Door closed
- ☐ Door seal adequate
- ☐ Assess location of temperature monitoring devices for temperature reading
- ☐ Record all temperatures
- ☐ Space between vaccines for air to circulate
- ☐ Coils free of dust
- ☐ Temperature adjusted gradually if not set correctly (need to re-check temperatures and record every 30 minutes)
- ☐ Unit secured and level (if unit is noisy)
- ☐ Screws tightened (if unit is noisy)
- ☐ Technician called

3. Disposition of vaccines (if power not restored or if temperature does not begin to recover)

- ☐ Label exposed vaccines "Do NOT Use" and store under appropriate conditions (set apart from other vaccines)
- ☐ Check temperature of alternate storage unit
- ☐ Vaccines moved to alternate storage unit (move refrigerated vaccines first)
- ☐ Document temperature excursion action taken and results
- ☐ Immunization Program contacted
- ☐ Manufacturer contacted
- ☐ Return vaccines determined to be usable only when storage unit is stable and resume use
- ☐ Determine disposition of vaccines that are compromised:
 - Vaccines provided through Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program and other vaccines purchased with public funds prepared for return to distributor.
 - Vaccines purchased with private funds should be disposed of in consultation with the manufacturer(s) and according to state regulations for medical waste. Replacement plans will vary.
 - If insured against losses of this type, contact insurance representative.