

Providers may conduct vaccine day clinics. A day clinic is when a provider moves to an off-site location for a day to conduct a special vaccination event. School vaccination events or free regional clinics are examples of day clinics.

Providers must follow specific guidelines for managing vaccine for use in a day clinic. Childhood Vaccine Program vaccine will be moved out of a storage unit and kept off-site for a period of time. Not following correct vaccine storage and handling guidelines could waste vaccine and prevent vaccinations from stopping disease.

Day Clinic Preparation

- Providers must always get approval from their Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) before conducting a day clinic with publicly supplied vaccine.
- Providers should only bring the amount of vaccine needed for the day clinic.
- If providers plan on administering varicella based vaccine, bring only the amount needed for the clinic. Vaccine stored at freezing temperatures will lose viability within 24 hours once the vaccine warms above 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Never re-freeze varicella vaccine.

Day Clinic Transport

Providers must follow state vaccine transport guidelines.

- Providers must use either a portable storage unit or a hard sided cooler.
- Providers must use a digital thermometer or data logger that meets state and CDC guidelines for public vaccine. The thermometer should have a fluid filled probe.
- Providers must record temperatures on a paper temperature log hourly.

Day Clinic Storage and Handling

- Keep vaccine stored in the cooler/portable storage unit at all times.
- Day clinic vaccine must never be put into a storage unit on site unless that site is a part of the childhood vaccine program and follows Vaccine For Children program guidelines.
- Providers may pre-draw up to 10 doses of vaccine at a time during a day clinic.
- Continue to monitor temperatures and assure vaccines stay in temperature range.
- If vaccine goes out of appropriate temperature ranges during the day clinic, call the manufacturer to assess viability of the vaccine.