

Home Health Foundation, Inc.

SUBJECT: STORAGE AND HANDLING OF COVID VACCINES DURING TRANSPORT

PURPOSE: To provide for safe storage and handling of COVID vaccines during transport.

POLICY

COVID vaccines will be properly stored and maintained in a portable refrigerator during transport.

PROCEDURE

1. Fully charge portable refrigerator prior to placing COVID vaccines into the portable refrigerator.
 2. Temperature will be between 2-8° (C) prior to placing COVID vaccines into the portable refrigerator.
 3. Perform hand hygiene prior to opening portable refrigerator each time and after closing portable refrigerator each time.
 4. Clean inside and outside of portable refrigerator with sani cloth prior to placing COVID vaccines into portable refrigerator. Do not submerge or soak portable refrigerator.
 5. Place COVID vaccines into portable refrigerator.
 6. Clean outside of portable refrigerator with sani cloth after removing vaccines from portable refrigerator each time.
 7. Record minimum and maximum temperature of portable refrigerator while vaccine was stored in portable refrigerator on “Home Health Foundation Temperature Log for Portable Refrigerator” each day portable refrigerator is used for transport of COVID vaccines (Attachment #1).
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References: CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit Updated with COVID-19
Vaccine Storage and Handling Information Addendum added March 4, 2021