



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

It is time to replace the batteries in your vaccine thermometers. **For a more accurate reading, batteries should be changed every 6 months.** A good reminder is to change them with every daylight-saving time (DST) change. This fall, DST will end on **Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 2:00 AM.**

Please indicate on your next vaccine order if you need new batteries. They will be provided for pick-up with your next vaccine order.

Vaccine Storage & Handling Tips:

- Order a **one-month supply** of vaccine at a time.
- Check expiry dates frequently to ensure **vaccines with the earliest expiration dates are used first.** Expired vaccines should be removed from the vaccine fridge **immediately** and returned to the Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) with a completed "[Vaccine Return Form](#)" (Found on [durham.ca/hcp](#) > then "Reporting").
- Store all vaccines and diluent in their **original packaging** and **protect them from light.**
- In the event of a cold chain incident (CCI) or power failure, ensure a **contingency plan is arranged** with supplies readily available. Contingency supplies include extra coolers, ice packs, water blankets and thermometers to ensure vaccine is always stored between **+2.0 to +8.0 degrees Celsius.**
- Contact DRHD **immediately** if vaccine fridge temperatures are not within +2.0 to +8.0 degrees Celsius at **905-668-7711 ext. 3063.** Review the "[Cold Chain Instructions for Sites](#)" worksheet for more information (Found on [durham.ca/hcp](#) > then "Reporting").

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