

Texas Vaccines for Children and Adult Safety Net (TVFC/ASN) program providers,

The following policy on temperature excursions was implemented on June 27, 2023, to maintain consistency with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

TVFC/ASN Policy:

When reading data logger temperatures:

- Record the numbers on both sides of the decimal point, and do not round (Ex: For 46.1°F or 8.1°C, note that the numbers to the right of the decimal meet the criteria for a temperature excursion).
- If a temperature excursion occurs based on the updated guidance, TVFC/ASN program providers must contact the vaccine manufacturer to obtain guidance on vaccine viability.

A temperature excursion is any temperature reading that is outside the recommended range for vaccine storage as defined in the manufacturer's package insert. Temperature recordings +/- 0.1°F or +/- 0.1°C from the above ranges are temperature excursions and require immediate attention.

The CDC and TVFC/ASN program policy requires any unit that stores vaccine to maintain temperatures within the following ranges:

- The refrigerator compartment - between 36°F and 46°F (2°C and 8°C) for vaccine viability.
- The freezer compartment - between -58°F and +5°F (-50°C and -15°C) for vaccine viability.

If you have any questions, contact your Responsible Entity (RE).
Thank you for your continued partnership,

Texas Department of State Health Services
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