

# Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine (Johnson & Johnson)

Storage and Handling Summary



## Basics

- Store vaccine in a refrigerator. See guidance below for further details.
- Check and record storage unit temperatures each workday. See guidance below for each type of temperature monitoring device. Save storage records for 3 years, unless your jurisdiction requires a longer time period.

## Deliveries

### Vaccine

1. The vaccine will arrive in a 2° to 8°C (36°F and 46°F) qualified shipping container.
2. Examine the shipment for signs of damage.
3. As a backup to the qualified shipping container, temperature monitors are placed in each shipment. Janssen vaccines may include thawed and frozen/partially frozen vaccines and due to this, only warm monitors will be included in Janssen shipments.
4. Remove the instruction card for the temperature monitor immediately. Follow the guide on the back of the card to read the monitor.
5. The expiration date is NOT printed on the vaccine vial or carton. To determine the expiration date:
  - Scan the QR code on the outer carton, or
  - Call 1-800-565-4008, or
  - Visit [www.vaxcheck.jnj](http://www.vaxcheck.jnj).

Write the expiration date on the carton.



### Ancillary Supply Kit

- An ancillary supply kit will be provided and includes enough supplies to administer 100 doses of vaccine.
- Administration supplies include needles, syringes, sterile alcohol prep pads, vaccination record cards (shot cards), and some PPE.
- The kit is delivered separately from the vaccine. Unpack the kit and check for receipt of the correct administration supplies and quantities.

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### Refrigerator Storage

- CDC recommends storing vaccine between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F):
  - Unpunctured vials until the expiration date\*
  - Punctured vials for up to 6 hours.† Note the date and time the vial was first punctured. Discard vaccine not used within this time.
- Do not freeze.
- Protect from light.
- As the expiration date approaches, determine if it has been extended using the same methods outlined in the "Deliveries" section. Do not discard vaccine without ensuring the expiration date has passed. Use CDC's expiration date tracking tool to document expiration date changes.

### Temperature Monitoring

Storage unit temperatures must be monitored regularly and checked and recorded at the beginning of each workday to determine if any excursions have occurred since the last temperature check. For accurate temperature monitoring, use a digital data logger (DDL) with a detachable probe that best reflects vaccine temperatures (e.g., probe buffered with glycol, glass beads, sand, or Teflon®). Check and record the temperature daily using a temperature log and one of the options below:

- **Option 1 (preferred):**  
**Minimum/Maximum Temperatures**  
Most DDLs display minimum and maximum (min/max) temperatures. Check and record the min/max temperatures at the start of each workday.
- **Option 2: Current Temperature**  
If the DDL does not display min/max temperatures, check and record the current temperature at the start and end of the workday. Review the continuous DDL temperature data daily.

\*\*Unpunctured vials may also be stored between 9°C and 25°C (47°F and 77°F) for up to 12 hours.

†Alternate option: A punctured vial may be stored at room temperature (9°C to 25°C [47°F to 77°F]) for up to 2 hours.

### Disposal

Once vaccine has reached its expiration or beyond-use date, contact the manufacturer for guidance on whether it can still be used. If instructed to dispose of vaccine, dispose of the vial (with any remaining vaccine) and packaging as medical waste according to your local and state regulations. Contact your jurisdiction's immunization program for guidance (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/awardee-imz-websites.html>).

**CDC's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine materials** <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/janssen/index.html>

**CDC's Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit** <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/storage-handling-toolkit.pdf>

**CDC's Temperature Logs** <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/janssen/index.html>

**CDC's Transport Guidance for Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine** <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/janssen/index.html>

For additional information, refer to the manufacturer's product information at <https://www.janssencovid19vaccine.com/hcp.html>.