Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine  
(Johnson & Johnson)  
Transporting Vaccine for Vaccination Clinics  
Held at Satellite, Temporary, or Off-Site Locations

Procedure

Follow storage and handling best practices outlined in CDC’s Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit to maintain the cold chain when packing and transporting vaccine.

Transport Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine in a portable refrigerator unit or a container/packout qualified to maintain temperature between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F).

To monitor vaccine temperatures, use a digital data logger with a buffered temperature probe that displays current, minimum, and maximum temperatures. A DDL with an external temperature display is preferred to minimize opening the transport container.

Upon arrival at clinic, place vaccine in an on-site storage unit that maintains recommended temperatures, if available. If there is no storage unit available, keep the vaccine in the transport container, maintaining recommended temperatures.

Temperature monitoring:
- At the start of transport
- Whenever the transport container is opened
- When transport concludes

CDC’s Transport Temperature Log  

USP COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit: Operational Considerations for Healthcare Practitioners  
https://www.usp.org/covid-19/vaccine-handling-toolkit

General Information

- Vaccine vials may be transported more than once.
- Both punctured and unpunctured vials may be transported.

Refrigerated transport: Between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F)

- **Unpunctured vials**: Vaccine may be transported at refrigerated temperatures until the expiration date.
  - CDC recommends the total time for transport alone or transport plus clinic workday should be a maximum of 8 hours (e.g., if transport to an off-site clinic is 1 hour each way, the clinic may run for up to 6 hours).
- **Punctured vials**: Punctured vials may be transported at refrigerated temperatures.
  - Once punctured, store the vaccine at refrigerated temperatures. Vaccine must be used within 6 hours.
  - Time used for transport counts as part of the 6-hour time limit.

- CDC recommends transporting vaccine in vials. However, there may be instances when the only option is to transport predrawn vaccine in a syringe. U.S. Pharmacopeia includes guidance for transporting predrawn vaccine in syringes in the USP COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit: Operational Considerations for Healthcare Practitioners.