

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.

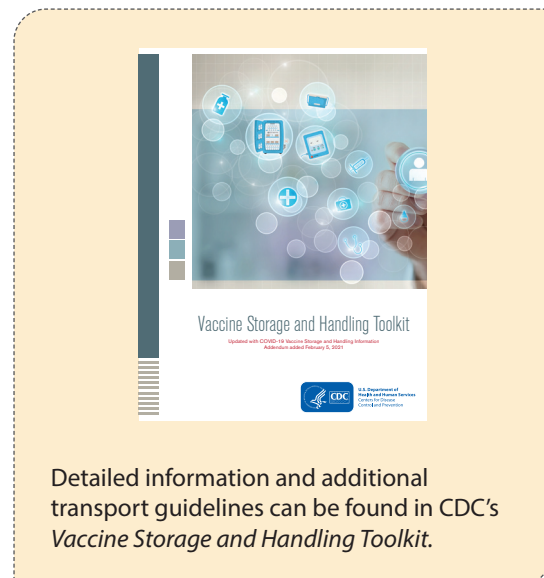
Transport Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine in a portable refrigerator unit or a container/packout qualified to maintain temperature between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F).

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: Record time and min/max temperatures:

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



» General Information

- Vaccine vials may be transported more than once.
- Both punctured and unpunctured vials may be transported.
- Do NOT use dry ice when transporting vaccine.

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.

CDC's Transport Temperature Log
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/transport-temperature-log.pdf>

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