



### CDC's Temperature Excursion Checklist

#### 1. Checklist for general power loss

- Contact utility company
- Determine if time to restoration is acceptable
- Activate alternate generator if available

#### 2. Checklist for presumed storage unit malfunction (DISPOSITION OF STORAGE UNIT if Unit is too warm, too cold, too noisy, or stopped):

- Check circuit breakers
- Unit plugged in
- Door closed
- Door seal adequate
- Assess location of temperature monitoring devices for temperature reading
- Record all temperatures
- Space between vaccines for air to circulate
- Coils free of dust
- Temperature adjusted gradually if not set correctly (need to re-check temperatures and record every 30 minutes)
- Unit secured and level (if unit is noisy)
- Screws tightened (if unit is noisy)
- Technician called

#### 3. Disposition of vaccines (if power not restored or if temperature does not begin to recover)

- Label exposed vaccines "Do NOT Use" and store under appropriate conditions (set apart from other vaccines)
- Check temperature of alternate storage unit
- Vaccines moved to alternate storage unit (move refrigerated vaccines first)
- Document temperature excursion action taken and results
- Immunization Program contacted
- Manufacturer contacted
- Return vaccines determined to be usable only when storage unit is stable and resume use
- Determine disposition of vaccines that are compromised:
  - Vaccines provided through Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program and other vaccines purchased with public funds prepared for return to distributor.
  - Vaccines purchased with private funds should be disposed of in consultation with the manufacturer(s) and according to state regulations for medical waste. Replacement plans will vary.
  - If insured against losses of this type, contact insurance representative.