

Tasmanian Cold Chain Breach Management Flow Chart

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Twice daily: check and document vaccine refrigerator temperature



If temperature has dropped below +2°C OR has exceeded +8°C

1. Isolate all impacted vaccines



2. Mark as "DO NOT USE"



3. Do not discard vaccines



Keep impacted vaccines in a monitored vaccine refrigerator between +2°C to +8°C, noting these may need to be moved into an alternative vaccine fridge if temperatures cannot be maintained between +2°C to +8°C.

Assess cause of breach. Determine if any impacted vaccines have been involved in a previous cold chain breach.

Download data logger and review temperature logs.
Review min - max charts

Vaccine fridge temperature over +8°C but has not exceeded +12°C for more than 15 minutes? **Note: all temperatures below +2°C must be reported**

NO

YES



Report Breach

- Record temperature
- Reset min-max thermometer(s)
- Wait until fridge is within +2°C to +8°C range

NIP & State-Funded vaccines

Breach must be reported to the Immunisation team, Public Health Services

Complete a Cold Chain Breach assessment form and return it to the Immunisation team

COVID-19 vaccines

Contact the Vaccine Operations Centre (VOC) for advice before using or discarding any impacted vaccines

Await advice before using or discarding any impacted vaccines

Private vaccines

Contact the vaccine manufacturer(s) for advice before using or discarding any impacted vaccines

Contact the Immunisation team:
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