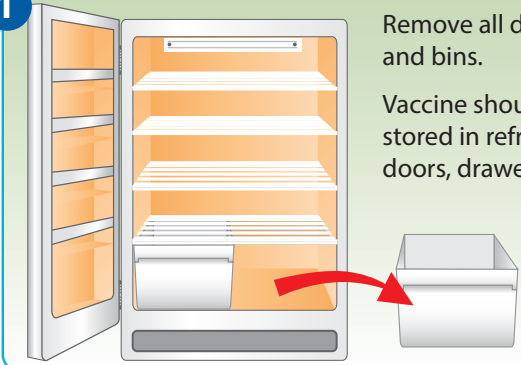
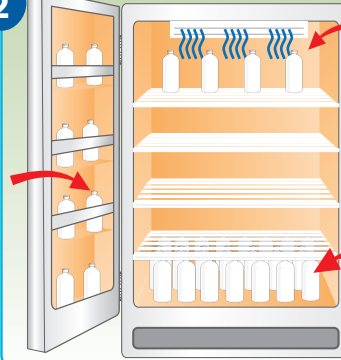


Preparing Refrigerators for Vaccine Storage

- 1** Remove all drawers and bins. Vaccine should not be stored in refrigerator doors, drawers, or bins.

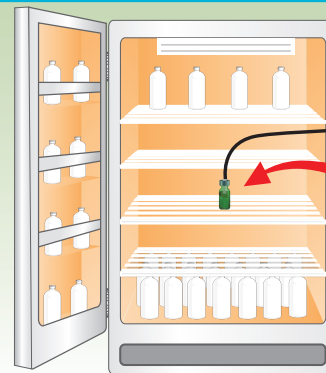
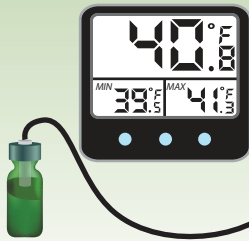


- 2** Fill the refrigerator floor with water bottles. Put water bottles in the door, on the top shelf (underneath the cold air vent). Do not block air vents.



Skip this step if you have a Pharmaceutical grade unit.

- 3** You'll need to set up and get familiar with your data logger before using to monitor temperatures. Refer to SCIAPPS <https://www.scdhec.gov/Apps/Health/SCIAPPS/Public/VFCInfo>
- Have a back-up data logger handy in case there's a problem with the one in the refrigerator.



Place the buffered probe in the center of the refrigerator near the vaccines.

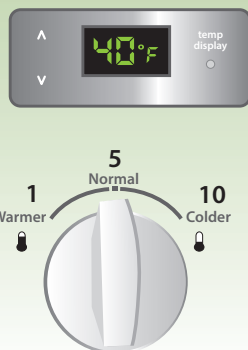
- 4** Attach the digital display to the outside of the refrigerator, either on the door or on the side. CURRENT, MIN and MAX temperatures must be visible without opening the storage unit door.



- 5** Plug in the refrigerator. Secure with plug guard/cover. Post "Do Not Unplug" sign.



- 6** Set the refrigerator temperature. If the refrigerator has a thermostat, set it at 5°C or 40°F. If it has a dial with a range of settings, set it to the middle of the range. The next morning, check the temperature and adjust it until it stabilizes at approximately 5°C or 40°F.



- 7** Once the temperature has stabilized, record CURRENT, MIN, temperatures on the log twice a day.

Do not store vaccine in the refrigerator until the temperature is stable at around 5°C or 40°F for 3-5 days.

