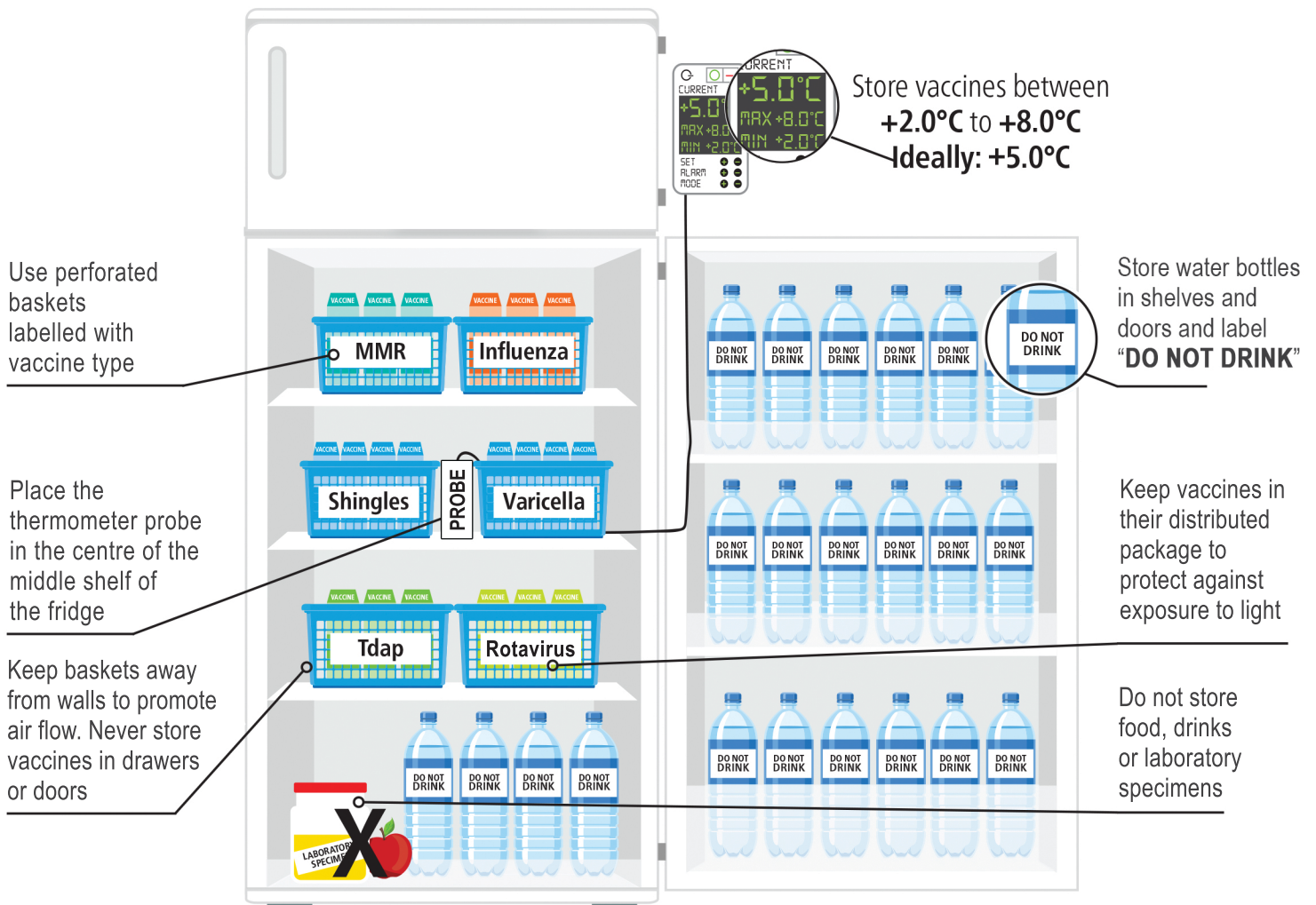


VACCINE STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Vaccine safety is patient safety

Learn how to safely transport, store, and handle publicly-funded vaccines at
www.healthunit.com/vaccine-storage-and-handling



Important

- Record current, maximum, and minimum temperatures at the start and end of each business day. Clear or reset the MIN/MAX temperature after each recording.
- Check vaccine expiry dates often and place vaccine with shorter expiry dates in front to use first.
- Vaccines that are "red-dotted" must be used first regardless of expiry date, as they have been exposed to an adverse storage condition. Do not use expired vaccines.
- Remove expired vaccines promptly from your fridge and return to the Middlesex-London Health Unit, Citi Plaza location, with a vaccine return form.
- Minimize the number of times the refrigerator is opened to prevent an adverse storage condition.
- Remove vaccines from fridge and prepare for immediate use only. Pre-drawing of vaccines from a vial into a syringe is generally not recommended as it can result in contamination, administration errors, and wastage.
- Mark multi-dose vials with date opened and discard as per manufacturers recommendations.
- Only order and store a one-month supply of vaccines.

Immediately contact the Middlesex-London Health Unit at 519-663-5317 to report temperatures that are below $+2.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ or above $+8.0^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Reference: Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines (March 2021), Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.