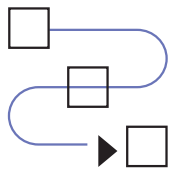


2 Operational Considerations for Storing, Handling, and Transporting COVID-19 Vaccines During Pandemic

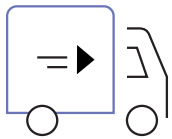


Highlights



Ensure quality management systems are in place for vaccine handling

This information discusses the importance of developing and maintaining standard operating procedures for receiving, storing, handling, and transporting the vaccine, including handling emergencies, such as equipment malfunctions, power failures, or natural disasters with the goal of avoiding or minimizing temperature excursions that can affect the quality of the vaccine.



Transport the vaccine and ancillary supplies

This information discusses transporting the vaccine off-site or to a satellite facility to help minimize the total time for transport. Ideally, healthcare practitioners should use a portable refrigerator and/or freezer unit with a temperature monitoring device. If these are not available, healthcare practitioners should use qualified containers and insulated packs with temperature monitoring capability.