

# Cold Chain Update

**Immunisation National Workshop for Health  
Professionals**

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# National Guidelines for Vaccine Storage and Distribution 2012

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- Available on the Ministry of Health website by the end of September
  - Replace the *National Cold Chain Standards 2002* and supplement the cold chain information in the *Immunisation Handbook 2011*
  - Key changes:
    - All immunisation providers must store vaccines in a pharmaceutical fridge
    - All immunisation providers must be CCA accredited
    - Updated National Cold Chain Audit information
    - All immunisation providers must have a digital temperature recording device e.g. data logger
    - Updated dose requirements
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# Annual Cold Chain Management Guide

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- **Annual Cold Chain Management Guide**
  - Being updated to reflect the Guidelines changes
  - Likely to be web-based only
  - Available before the end of the year

# Vaccine Fridges

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- Vaccine fridges purchased in 2004 now 8 years old
- All immunisation providers must store vaccines in a pharmaceutical fridge
- Remind practices with pharmaceutical fridges:
  - they need regular maintenance
  - they need to be defrosted (if there is apparent ice build-up)
  - to be aware of any minus signs on the control panels