

Mandatory Submission of Temperature Logs

Attention: Participating UIIP Pharmacies, NSM LHIN, Central LHIN

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The following outlines the vaccine fridge temperature log submission process for all UIIP participating pharmacies in Simcoe Muskoka:

- All pharmacies are required to fax their vaccine fridge temperature logs **every Monday** starting **Monday October 1st 2018**.
- Temperature logs need to be **received by noon** at the following fax number: 705-726-3962
- Temperature logs are to be submitted weekly, even if you are not ordering more vaccine that week.
- Please be sure to include the name of your facility at the top of your temperature log.

If a **temperature log is not received** by noon Monday, the distributor will be notified and the pharmacy will be suspended **until the following Monday**.

Health unit staff will review each temperature log submitted. If **upon review of the temperature log a cold chain issue is discovered** that was not reported, the distributor will be notified and the pharmacy will be **placed on suspension until the cold chain investigation is complete**.

When your vaccine fridge temperature falls outside of the 2°C - 8°C range, it may be considered a cold chain failure. Contact the Health Unit as soon as possible to report the cold chain failure.

Vaccine that is exposed to temperatures outside of 2°C - 8°C may not be stable or effective. If you administer vaccine that has been exposed to a cold chain, and during the investigation it is deemed not be suitable for use, you would need to contact clients who have received that vaccine and discuss revaccination.

If your temperature goes over 8°C for a brief period of time due to opening your fridge multiple times, be sure to initial and note this on your temperature log (no other reporting action is necessary).

If you have any questions contact the Immunization Program at 705-721-7520 or toll free at 1-877-721-7520 extension 8806.

