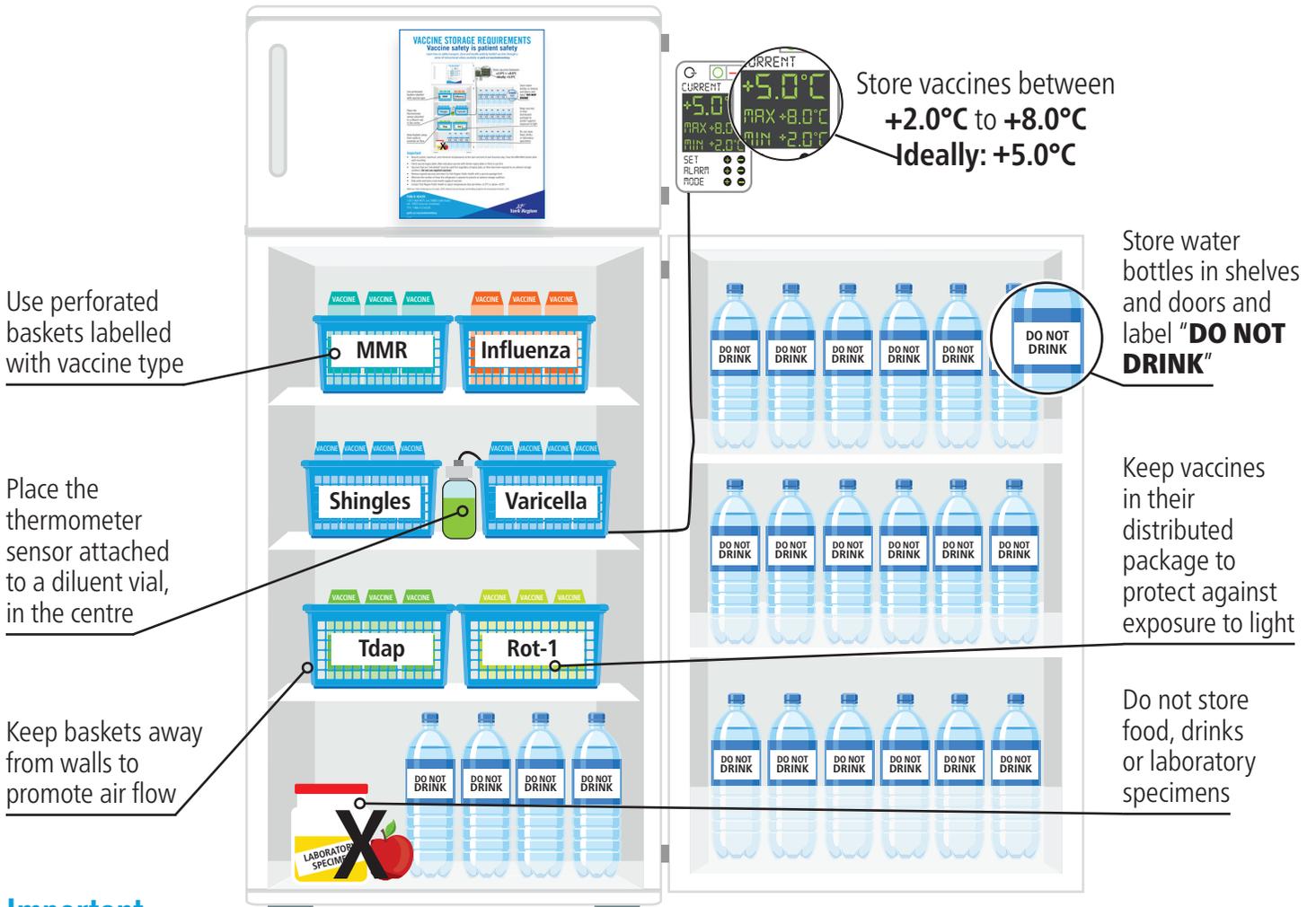


# VACCINE STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

## Vaccine safety is patient safety

Learn how to safely transport, store and handle publicly-funded vaccines through a series of instructional videos available at [york.ca/vaccineinventory](http://york.ca/vaccineinventory)



### Important

- Record current, maximum, and minimum temperatures at the start and end of each business day. Clear the MIN/MAX button 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 and return to York Region Public Health with a vaccine wastage form
- Minimize the number of times the refrigerator is opened to prevent an adverse storage condition
- Only order and store a one month supply of vaccines
- Contact York Region Public Health to report temperatures that are below +2.0°C or above +8.0°C

Reference: Public Health Agency of Canada. (2015). National Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines for Immunization Providers, 2015.

### PUBLIC HEALTH

1-877-464-9675, ext.74065 (cold chain)

ext. 74033 (vaccine inventory)

TTY: 1-866-512-6228

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