Vaccine Refrigerator Setup

1. Vaccines should not be stored in refrigerator doors. All drawers and bins should be removed.

2. Put a few water bottles or cold packs in areas where vaccines will not be stored.

3. Use only a continuous digital data logger with a buffered probe as both the primary and backup thermometers.

4. Attach the display of the continuous digital data logger to the outside of the refrigerator, either on the door or on the side. Set the temperature range. Place a sign near the thermostat that says: **Do not adjust temperature controls. Notify vaccine coordinator if adjustment is necessary.**


6. Set the refrigerator temperature:
   - If the refrigerator has a thermometer, set it for 40°F/5°C.
   - If it has a dial with a number range, set it in the middle.
   The next morning, check the temperature and adjust the dial until the temperature stabilizes at approximately 40°F/5°C.

7. Once the temperature stabilizes, record temperatures on the log once daily.
   Do not store vaccines in the refrigerator until the temperature is stable at around 40°F/5°C for at least 48 hours.