



COVID-19 Primary Care Vaccination Site Brighton Racecourse

Fridge Cleaning & Defrosting Procedure

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1. Background

Pharmaceutical fridges have been carefully designed to ensure the internal storage temperature of between +2°C to +8°C is maintained at all times and are checked twice a day.

2. Policy Awareness

Policy Awareness	
People who need to know this protocol in detail and their signature of understanding/acknowledgement will be obtained (sign and return to Lead Nurse)	Nurses and HCA
People who need to have a broad understanding of this protocol (sign and return to Lead Nurse)	N/A
People who need to be aware this protocol exists and know where to find it (no action required)	Operational Lead

3. Training Requirements

Training Requirements	
People who need to be trained in detail on the contents of this protocol	Nurses and HCA
People who we would recommend should carry out basic level training of this policy	

4. Pharmaceutical Fridges Description

Pharmaceutical fridges have been carefully designed to ensure the internal storage temperature of between +2°C to +8°C is maintained at all times and are checked twice a day. This is achieved by a forced-air cooling system ensuring an even temperature distribution throughout the interior and rapid pull down and recovery after door openings. Doors are never to be open for more than 15 seconds. Incorporated into the digital temperature display unit is an audio/visual alarm, which is activated when a high or low temperature deviation is sensed. Integral to the unit is a MAX/MIN temperature memory for continuous monitoring and manual daily recording of storage temperatures. In addition, new medical refrigerators have automatic defrost to provide uninterrupted use without the need to manually defrost. Every medical refrigerator is fitted with a secure door lock and keys for product security to prevent 'unauthorised' access to valuable healthcare products.

5. Fridge wiring to prevent accidental disconnection

Wherever possible, the fridge should be permanently wired into the supply to prevent accidental disconnection or switching off.

6. Fridge Cleaning

- 6.1 Any spillages should be cleared up immediately using anti-bacterial wipes.
- 6.2 Handles, outside doors and around handles are to be cleaned at the end of each shift using anti-bacterial wipes and recorded into the red folders.
- 6.3 Full clean of fridges with antibacterial wipes is done once a month by site staff and recorded.