



TO: Vermont Hospitals and Health Care Providers
FROM: Health Operations Center

Vaccine Storage

In response to the high wind event, the Vermont Department of Health has activated its Health Operations Center. The State Emergency Operations Center is also activated. In areas where there is a high wind warning it will last until 8:00 p.m. October 30.

At this time, there are numerous power outages throughout the state. The Public Health Laboratory in Colchester is open and functioning, but is operating on generator power.

Vaccine Storage

Many primary care practices list local Vermont hospitals as a backup location for vaccine storage.

Practices who think they may need to move vaccine must first get approval from the Health Department Immunization Program at 802-863-7240.

Hospitals that are designated backup locations and are contacted by a practice, should accept the vaccine and store it according to the [Vaccine Management Plan](http://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/ID_IZ_INFOHCP_S%26H_VaccineManagementPlan.pdf) (http://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/ID_IZ_INFOHCP_S%26H_VaccineManagementPlan.pdf).

Please send any questions to the Health Department at ahs.vdhimmunizationprogram@vermont.gov. This email account is only monitored during business hours. After hours call 802-863-7240.