

CDC Storage and Handling Instructions (*Continued*)

MCV: Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine

Shipping Requirements

Should be shipped in insulated container. Maintain temperature at 35° to 46°F (2° to 8°C). **Do not freeze or expose to freezing temperatures.**

Conditions upon Arrival

Should not have been frozen or exposed to freezing temperatures. Refrigerate upon arrival.

If you have questions about the condition of the material at the time of delivery, you should 1) immediately place material in recommended storage; and 2) then follow your state health department immunization program policy and contact either the Manufacturer's Quality Control office or the immunization program for guidance.

Storage Requirements

Refrigerate immediately upon arrival. Store at 35° to 46°F (2° to 8°C). **Do not freeze or expose to freezing temperatures.** For Menveo, also refrigerate diluent because it contains vaccine antigens.

Shelf Life

Check expiration date on vial or manufacturer-filled syringe.

Instructions for Use

Menactra: Inspect visually for extraneous particulate matter and/or discoloration. If these conditions exist, the vaccine should not be used. Shake vial or manufacturer-filled syringe well before use. Discard vaccine if it cannot be resuspended with thorough agitation.

Menveo: Add contents of diluent vial to powder vial and swirl until the vaccine is dissolved.

Shelf Life After Opening

Menactra Single-Dose Vials: The vaccine should be administered shortly after withdrawal from the vial.

Menactra Manufacturer-Filled Syringes: The vaccine should be administered shortly after the needle is attached to the syringe.

Menveo Single-Dose Vials: Reconstituted vaccine should be used immediately, but may be stored at or below 77°F (25°C) for up to 8 hours.

Special Instructions

Rotate stock so that the earliest dated material is used first.

Note: All vaccine materials should be disposed of using medical waste disposal procedures. Contact the state health department for details.

MPSV: Meningococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine

Shipping Requirements

Should be shipped in insulated container. Maintain temperature at 35° to 46°F (2° to 8°C). **Do not freeze or expose to freezing temperatures.**

Conditions upon Arrival

Should not have been frozen or exposed to freezing temperatures. Refrigerate upon arrival.

If you have questions about the condition of the material at the time of delivery, you should 1) immediately place material in recommended storage; and 2) then follow your state health department immunization program policy and contact either the Manufacturer's Quality Control office or the immunization program for guidance.

Storage Requirements

Vaccine: Refrigerate immediately upon arrival. Store at 35° to 46°F (2° to 8°C). **Do not freeze or expose to freezing temperatures.**

Diluent: May be refrigerated or stored at room temperature (68° to 77°F [20° to 25°C]). **Do not freeze or expose to freezing temperatures.**

Shelf Life

Check expiration date on vial.

Instructions for Reconstitution and Use

Reconstitute just before use according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use only the diluent supplied to reconstitute the vaccine.

Shelf Life After Reconstitution or Opening

Single-Dose Vials: Use within 30 minutes of reconstitution.

Multidose Vials: Unused portions of multidose vials may be refrigerated at 35° to 46°F (2° to 8°C) and used up to 35 days after reconstitution.

Special Instructions

Rotate stock so that the earliest dated material is used first.

Note: All vaccine materials should be disposed of using medical waste disposal procedures. Contact the state health department for details.