

Vaccines and storm season

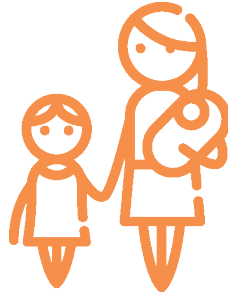
Are you prepared?



EACH STORM SEASON:



Hundreds of cold chain breaches are reported in the Metro South region



Cold chain breaches cause **interruption to vaccine services**



Cold chain breaches cost clinics **valuable time and money**



Always have a back-up plan if a power failure occurs!

Now is the time to check everything is in place!

- ⚡ Consider installing a backup power supply (such as a UPS or battery back-up).
- ⚡ Each facility should ensure that they have adequate equipment to transport or temporarily store vaccines if required.
- ⚡ Consider transferring vaccines to a monitored purpose-built vaccine refrigerator off site.



Coolers that are easily accessible and able to store ALL vaccines.



Ice packs to pre-chill the cooler and replace defrosted packs as required.



Insulating material to protect vaccines from direct contact with ice packs.



Portable min/max thermometers for temperature monitoring of coolers and/or vaccine refrigerator.



Vaccine Management protocol approved by Queensland Health with all staff trained and prepared.

If you experience a cold chain breach following a power outage:

- immediately isolate the vaccines
- notify the Qld Health Immunisation Program as soon as possible (during business hours).

For further information on managing a Cold Chain Breach refer to Strive for 5, 3rd edition.

