



Hawaii Chapter

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Refrigerators for Vaccine Storage

Dear HAAP Member:

“In 2008-2009, CDC is requiring all VFC programs to work with their enrolled VFC providers to **eliminate** the use of dorm-style refrigerators as permanent storage units for VFC vaccine. Grantees must...have all dorm-style refrigerators phased-out... by **December 31, 2009**....A **dorm-style refrigerator** is a small combination refrigerator/freezer unit that is outfitted with one external door, an evaporator plate (cooling coil) which is usually located inside an ice-maker compartment (freezer) within the refrigerator, and is void of a temperature alarm device.”

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/projects/faqs-doc.htm>

HAAP has been working with our DOH-VFC office to help you transition to non-dorm-style refrigerators. The following refrigerators are VFC acceptable:

| Store (Oahu only) | Make | Model# | Storage capacity (cubic feet) | 2008 Cost* |
|---|------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Kmart | Galaxy | 91772 | 1.7 | \$ 74.99 |
| Lowe's | Frigidaire | FRTC03L5DB | 3.1 | \$ 228.00 |
| Home Depot | Magic Chef | MCBR4155 | 4 | \$ 249.00 |
| Lowe's | Frigidaire | FRT045GM | 4.4 | \$ 282.00 |
| BestBuy | Oster | OR5005M3M | 5 | \$ 220.99 |
| Lowe's | Whirlpool | ETMSRXTB | 9.6 | \$ 438.00 |
| Sears | Kenmore | 62042 | 10.3 | \$ 649.99 |
| Sears | Kenmore | 64532 | 14.8 | \$ 529.99 |
| Home Depot | Americana | A3316ABSW W | 15.7 | \$ 449.00 |
| *Prices and availability are subject to change | | | | |
| This list is not an endorsement by HAAP or the DOH. Each provider must evaluate the product's ability to meet the standards for proper vaccine storage. | | | | |

There may be other refrigerators that meet the VFC requirements; if you are aware of any, please let HAAP know.

Remember that you should monitor and record your refrigerator and freezer temperatures twice a day.

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