Pandemic H1N1 Intranasal Spray (LAIV) Vaccine Storage and Handling Guide

Shipping Requirements
Initially shipped to authorized distributors in the frozen state 5°F (-15°C). Shipped from the distributor to healthcare facilities in the refrigerated state at 35° – 46°F (2° – 8°C).

Condition upon Arrival
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° – 46°F (2° – 8°C). Do not freeze or expose to freezing temperatures. (If LAIV is inadvertently frozen, the vaccine should be moved immediately to the refrigerator and may be used until the expiration date printed on the package.)

Shelf Life
Formulated for use during current influenza season. Check expiration date on package.

Instructions for Use
LAIV is a colorless to pale yellow liquid and is clear to slightly cloudy; some particulates may be present but do not affect the use of the product. After removal of the sprayer from the refrigerator, remove the rubber tip protector. Follow manufacturer’s instructions to deliver ½ dose into one nostril. Then remove the dose-divider clip and deliver the remainder of the dose into the other nostril.

Shelf Life After Opening
Single-Dose Sprayer: The vaccine should be administered shortly after removal from the refrigerator.

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.