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RE: Thermometer Probe Placement in Vaccine Storage Units

Dear Texas Vaccines for Children Provider,

The Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program would like to remind providers of the correct location for thermometer probe placement in vaccine storage units.

Thermometer probes must be:

- Placed in the main body of the storage unit, away from walls, ceiling, cooling vents, doors, floor, and back of the unit
- Located in the area where vaccine is stored

Thermometer probes must not be:

- Suspended from wire shelves in unit
- Suspended by tape attached to the inside ceiling of the unit

Vaccine temperatures measured in air can be misleading with regard to actual vaccine temperatures. Proper probe placement will assess the actual vaccine temperature and ensure proper storage of TVFC and private stock vaccines.

Thank you for your continued support of the TVFC Program. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Health Service Region (HSR) listed below.

PINS Beginning With	Health Service Region	Phone Number
01	HSR 1	806-783-6416
02	HSR 2	325-795-5660
03	HSR 3	817-264-4793
04 or 05 not in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties	HSR 4/5N	903-533-5310
05 in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties or 06	HSR 6/5S	713-767-3410
07	HSR 7	254-778-6744
08 or 00	HSR 8	210-949-2067
09	HSR 9	432-571-4132
10	HSR 10	915-834-7924
11	HSR 11	956-421-5552

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica Gamez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Monica Gamez

Director, Infectious Disease Control Unit