

# MULTI-DOSE OPEN VIAL POLICY

for WHO prequalified vaccines

## Liquid vaccines

Up to

**28** days

After opening the vial

- IPV •bOPV
- DPT •TT •DT •Td
- Hepatitis B •Influenza
- Varicela (verify presentation/provider)
- Liquid forms of the Hib vaccine



## Lyophilized vaccines

Up to

**6** hours

After they are reconstituted

- BCG •MR •MMR
- Yellow Fever
- Varicela (verify presentation/provider)
- Lyophilized forms of Hib vaccine

## ACTIONS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN:



Use before expiration date



Write on the vial the date and hour it is opened



Store and transport between +2°C and +8°C



Maintain good hygiene and vaccine handling practices



Read the instructions and recommendations of the provider and the national guidelines

## CAUTION:



Do not use if the vial stopper has been submerged in water from leaking cold-packs



Do not leave needles in the vaccine vial stopper



Do not prefill syringes with the vaccines

## RECOMMENDATION:

During the weekend or in preparation for electricity outages, emergency, or another event that could affect the cold chain storage, you should:

- Adequately prepare cold-packs and put them in thermos
- Pack and store the vaccines in a thermos
  - Put a thermometer in the thermos
  - Place the thermos in the refrigerator



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