Communicable Disease Management Protocol

Worksheet 1: Checklist for Storage of Vaccines and Biologics

Personnel	☐ We have one designated person to be "in charge" of vaccines and biologics.
	☐ We have designated a back up person.
	☐ We train all staff who handle vaccines and biologics about the storage and handling requirements.
Equipment	☐ Our vaccines and biologics fridge is:
	□ Purpose built (lab style)
	□ Domestic (freezer compartment has a separate external door)
	☐ The fridge temperature is maintained at 2-8 degrees Celsius.
	☐ When the temperature is out of range we take corrective action.
	\Box We know who to call if the fridge temperature is out of range.
	☐ We have DO NOT UNPLUG and Warning notices next to the refrigerator's electrical outlet and at the circuit breakers.
Temperature	☐ We check the fridge temperature twice daily and document it on a temperature log.
	☐ We store extra bottles of water and gel packs in the unused portions of the fridge (door, crispers).
	☐ We keep ice packs in the freezer.
Storage and Handling	☐ We only store vaccines and biologics in the refrigerator and not food, beverages or lab specimens.
	☐ When we receive product it is immediately placed in the refrigerator and follow all included delivery instructions.
	☐ We store the vaccines and biologics in the middle shelves of the fridge.
	☐ We never store product in the door or the bottom (drawers) of the fridge.
	☐ There is a sign/magnet on the door showing how the vaccine refrigerator should be organized.
	☐ We check to make sure that the door is properly closed and sealed every time after opening.
Inventory Management	☐ We check stock expiration date and use those that will expire soonest first.
	☐ We rotate supply (newest stock is placed behind stock with the shortest expiry date).
	☐ We use an inventory log.
Protocols/Guidelines	☐ We have protocols/guidelines for the storage and handling of vaccines and biologics.