



The Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) is pleased to share the *2017 AIM Position Statement on Vaccine Storage and Management*. AIM members invest significant time and resources to improve and promote proper vaccine storage and handling in order to assure vaccine safety and effectiveness. This position statement reflects AIM's commitment to advocating for innovative technology, detailed procedural guidelines and annual training courses, to increase widespread adoption of optimal vaccine storage and management procedures in practices that immunize people of all ages.

The expected protection from vaccines depends upon proper handling and storage procedures that prevent vaccine damage in both VFC and non-VFC settings. AIM supports requirements for initial training followed by annual refresher training of personnel that handle, administer, monitor or manage stored vaccine. AIM also supports, the development of innovative, affordable technologies to alleviate the current heavy reliance on human training and education. The improvement of storage and handling conditions would address current procedural/administrative challenges and prevent vaccine waste. Given limited program resources, it is necessary to research and test innovative approaches, cost-saving procedures and technology that could simplify and improve current storage and handling standards and requirements.

Please circulate the statement attached and this letter to encourage further innovation in effective vaccine storage and management practices and technologies. In addition to the statement, AIM offers webinars, toolkits, guides and a resource database that may be useful for general knowledge or expertise in purchasing or operating vaccine storage and management equipment in clinical settings. The hyperlinks to newly released resources are listed below:

- [Digital Data Logger: Lessons from the field \(November 2017\)](#)
- [A Step by Step guide to Selecting and Using a Digital Data Logger for Vaccine Inventory \(October 2017\)](#)

More information may be found at [immunizationmanagers.org/VSH](http://immunizationmanagers.org/VSH). Please feel free to contact Aliyah Muhammad at [amuhammad@immunizationmanagers.org](mailto:amuhammad@immunizationmanagers.org) for further information.