

Do's and Don'ts for mOPV1 Distribution Regional Stores

The vaccine used during the coming polio campaign will be monovalent OPV type 1 (mOPV1). MOPV1 is the most appropriate vaccine for the type of virus causing polio during the current outbreak. Trivalent OPV (tOPV) will not be used.

It is critical to prevent the use of tOPV during the campaign and the use of mOPV1 during the routine after the campaign.

mOPV1 should be stored and used under the same conditions as tOPV.

The role of the Regional Store is **critical** to ensuring that the right vaccine gets to the right place. Regional stores should follow these Do's and Don'ts:

- Do!**
1. Ensure that everyone working at the store who handles vaccine is aware of the 2 types of vaccine being used in the NID.
 2. In stock keeping records of polio vaccine, ensure mOPV1 is specified as opposed to tOPV.
 3. At Regional level, use separate deep-freezer or ice-lined refrigerator (ILR) for mOPV and tOPV.
 4. When mOPV1 vaccine is received, check each box to be sure it contains mOPV1 vials. Be careful – the 2 vaccine labels look very similar!



5. Store mOPV1 in a separate deep-freezer / ILR, in the same conditions as usual. Clearly label as mOPV and post a list of districts to receive mOPV on the outside of the storage unit.
6. Label cold boxes for distribution to mOPV1 districts with an mOPV1 sticker.
7. Keep good records of the vaccine receipt and distribution.
8. If a district runs out of mOPV1 during the campaign, provide it with additional mOPV1 or arrange from a district with surplus mOPV1 supply.
9. Have all mOPV1 from the HC and (sub) districts return to the central store between the rounds, or ensure and check they keep their stocks rigorously separated.

DON'T!

Don't use tOPV for the NID or mOPV1 for routine vaccination

Don't store both vaccines in the same deep-freezer, ILR or cold box.

Don't distribute vaccine during the NID without checking carefully that it is mOPV1.

Don't be afraid to ask – it's better to be sure than send the wrong vaccine to an area.

