



Management and safe disposal of vaccination waste at health facility level

(applicable for non-live vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines)

At vaccination sites



DEDICATED SAFETY BOX FOR SHARPS



Deposit all used syringes and needles in a dedicated safety box immediately after use.

LEAKPROOF BOX/BAG FOR VIALS



Collect and dispose of vaccine vials separately from sharps and other waste.

Separately count and record the empty vials, vials with residual vaccine, and closed vaccine vials.

LEAKPROOF YELLOW BAG



Deposit used personal protective equipment (PPE), cotton swabs, or other waste, in a separate bin lined with leakproof yellow bag

LEAKPROOF BLACK BAG



Dispose of packaging materials and other general non-hazardous waste in a separate bin lined with a leakproof black bag.



At temporary waste storage



Store in clean, designated, and restricted utility area.



Protect from exposure to elements and animals.



Ensure regular collection and transportation.



Wear appropriate protective equipment.



Transport for final treatment and disposal



Comply with national regulations for transport and labelling documentation.



Ensure that the vehicle is of a suitable size and design to hold the load secured during transport.



Ensure vehicles have proper protection from bad weather conditions.



Ensure that the transport of collected waste takes place during less busy times whenever possible.



Wear appropriate protective equipment.



Lable all containers and boxes.



Do not overfill.



Store in secure/locked space.



Collect on a regular schedule.



Always wash hands with soap and running water.