

Cleaning multiple-dose vaccine syringes

1. Scrub the external syringe surface with soap, water and a brush.
2. Rinse the syringe's internal components, including tubes and connectors, with distilled water that is near boiling (180-190 F.) Do not use soap or disinfectants, as their residues may inactivate modified-live vaccines. Draw boiling water into the syringe and squirt it out three to five times. Let the syringe cool before use.
3. Store the newly cleaned syringe in a dust-free, dry environment.
4. Boil vaccine transfer needles and allow them to cool before use.
5. Never use vaccine syringes for purposes other than vaccinations.