

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) NEWS BULLETIN

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COVID-19 BOOSTERS FOR CHILDREN

As of 10/12/22, bivalent or “updated” boosters have been authorized by both the FDA and CDC for use in children 5 years and older. The new Pfizer updated booster is authorized for use in those ages 5-11 who have completed their primary series and the Moderna updated booster is authorized for use in those ages 6 year and older who have completed their primary series. Age-appropriate updated boosters can be administered at least two months after a person’s last COVID-19 vaccine. With this authorization, Pfizer’s monovalent booster is no longer authorized for use in those ages 5-11. Learn more through these fact sheets:

- [PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE, BIVALENT \(ORIGINAL AND OMICRON BA.4/BA.5\) BOOSTER DOSE FOR 5 THROUGH 11 YEARS OF AGE DILUTE BEFORE USE](#)
- [PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE, BIVALENT \(ORIGINAL AND OMICRON BA.4/BA.5\) BOOSTER DOSE FOR 12 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER - DO NOT DILUTE](#)
- [MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE, BIVALENT \(ORIGINAL AND OMICRON BA.4/BA.5\) BOOSTER DOSE FOR 6 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER](#)

COVID-19 VACCINES AND MENSTRUAL CYCLES

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) acknowledges a study that identifies a non-clinically significant correlation between COVID-19 vaccination and an increase in menstrual cycle length. The average increase is by less than one day, is temporary, and typically resolves within two cycles. A change in menstrual cycle length of up to 8 days is considered normal. These findings do not change COVID-19 vaccine recommendations for menstruating people. ACOG recommends that everyone 6 months and older receive a COVID-19 vaccine.



RACE/ETHNICITY REQUIRED FIELDS IN I-CARE

In February 2021, Governor Pritzker and Dr. Ezike reminded all COVID-19 vaccinators that race/ethnicity data fields in I-CARE are mandatory when inputting COVID-19 vaccinations. You can view the notice [here](#). Knowing information about COVID-19 vaccine distribution by race and ethnicity allows us to deliver personalized health care to all patients.

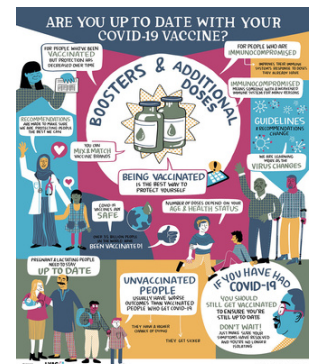
The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and CDPH have collaborated to create a new data quality work group to ensure that we have the most accurate and up-to-date immunization records for our residents.

We have created a Data Quality Review that allows our providers to test the quality of data that is being transmitted to I-CARE. After an initial Kick-Off call with both clinical and EMR/IT Team and CDPH, providers then send TEST data into the I-CARE test environment for data review. As we test the data that is being sent to I-CARE, we identify and troubleshoot any data quality issues that may arise. After the test data has been reviewed and any corrections implemented, we approve the provider site's connection as sending high quality data (also known as HL7 Data). Your provider site can register for the HL7 Data Quality and Onboarding process by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions about the process reach out to James Murphy at james.murphy6@cityofchicago.org. Thank you for your efforts in improving data in our immunization registry.

PATIENT HANDOUTS, POSTERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA ARE AVAILABLE!

Use your trusted voice to ensure patients get medically accurate information about vaccines. Download materials [here](#).



2022-2023 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFLUENZA IN CHILDREN

The AAP has released their 2022-2023 Recommendations for Prevention and Control of Influenza in Children. This guidance urges everyone 6 months and older to receive a flu vaccine as soon as possible, preferably before Halloween. Families are encouraged not to underestimate the impact of flu or COVID-19, as both can have serious, deadly impacts on children.

Flu vaccines can safely be co-administered with COVID-19 and other vaccines, which is recommended to avoid missing doses. You can also refer to the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics' (ICAAP) flu toolkit for additional guidance and outreach materials.

REMINDER RECALL

CDPH has launched decentralized Reminder Recall efforts. We have begun training our providers to utilize the immunization registry to query their patient populations and determine who might be overdue for a vaccination. These efforts will help us improve vaccination rates in some of the most vulnerable neighborhoods in Chicago.



Hi! you're due for your HPV vaccine.
To schedule an appt, click [here](#).

As part of this effort, we have had a few pioneer sites who completed reminder recall and we would like to take a moment to recognize them as exemplary provider sites. We would like to give recognition to staff at:

- Centro de Salud Esperanza- Daisy Salgado, Isabel Camacho, Jennifer Madrigal, Gabriela Castro
- Alivio @ Jose Orozco Academy- Denise Munoz, Yasmin Murillo
- Alivio @ Juarez- Jesenia Hernandez, Denise Munoz

We appreciate your hard work and dedication towards this goal. As a special thank you, we have sent out certificates of achievements to each of your offices. Please contact Dominique at Dominique.chandler@cityofchicago.org to engage in Reminder Recall. Once again thank you and keep up the good work!

REGISTER BY 10/31/22

COVID-19 VACCINE BOOTCAMP



gain knowledge

Clinical guidance around COVID-19 vaccines has and continues to change. Ensure your facility and staff are up to date on COVID-19 vaccine best practices.



connect with peers

While gaining skills related to COVID-19 vaccine administration and distribution. Learn strategies for overcoming vaccine hesitancy through culturally and linguistically appropriate methods.



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NOVEMBER 3, 2022

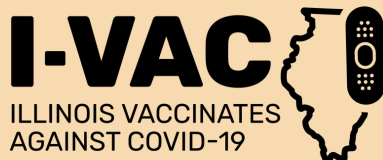
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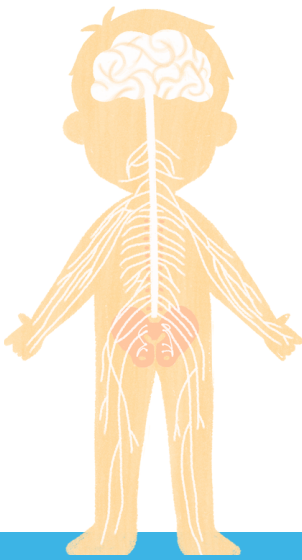
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15-VALENT PNEUMOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE

Use of 15-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Among U.S. Children: Updated Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices: On June 22, 2022, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended use of PCV15 as an option for pneumococcal conjugate vaccination of persons aged <19 years. PCV13 and PCV15 can be used interchangeably and can be administered at the same time as other vaccines. PCV 15 can be administered according to currently recommended PCV13 dosing and schedules. Use of PCV15 as an alternative is expected to further reduce pneumococcal disease incidence in children adolescents. Read the full MMWR report [here](#).



ICAAP hosted a webinar on Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) on October 13, 2022
Links to the: [Recording](#) & [Slides](#)

UNITED STATES CONFIRMED AS COUNTRY WITH CIRCULATING VACCINE-DERIVED POLIOVIRUS

On September 13th, the US was confirmed as a country with circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus. The country met the World Health Organization's criteria for this distinction as a result of poliovirus identified in the case of paralytic polio in an unvaccinated adult in New York and in several wastewater samples from communities near the patient's residence. Vaccine-derived poliovirus is not cause by children receiving the polio vaccine, as the oral polio vaccine has not been used in the US since 2000. Vaccination remains the best way to prevent polio infection.

Have COVID-19 vaccine questions? Join [I-VAC](#) office hours to ask your COVID-19 vaccine implementation questions in a casual, virtual setting. Join us from 12-1 pm for the whole hour or for 5 minutes on one of these days: 10/20, 10/25, 11/2. Link [here](#).