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VACCINES FOR CHILDREN NEWS BULLETIN

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The news bulletin serves to keep you aware of emerging VFC program, vaccine, and vaccine-preventable disease updates.

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Annual VFC Regional Training is Here!

The 2022 Regional Meeting training is being held virtually in webinar format and consists of four pre-recorded parts, or modules, that can be viewed in one sitting or as time allows.

The training is available through June 30th on the CDPH VFC [GoToWebinar Channel](#).

Remember, **at least two VFC staff members from each clinic must complete the training.** Use the same email for each module or you will not receive full credit for completion. **All certificates will be sent to the email you used for registration by Friday, July 8th.**

Please reach out to Monica at MDelCiello@illinoisap.com if you have any questions.

Perinatal Hepatitis B Vaccination

In the United States, each year more than 24,000 infants are born to mothers who are chronically infected with Hepatitis B virus (HBV). Hepatitis B can be passed from an infected mother to child during birth. Transmission at birth is associated with a 90% risk for chronic infection. Chronic hepatitis B carries a 25% risk of death from liver failure or liver cancer. However, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) of newborns born to infected mothers is 85-95% effective when administered within 12 hours of birth.

Obstetric providers in Illinois are mandated to test all pregnant women for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg; a marker for HBV infection) and report all positive HBsAg test results to the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH). To prevent perinatal transmission, the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that infants born to hepatitis B infected women be administered Hepatitis B Immunoglobulin (HBIG) and the first dose of Hepatitis B vaccine within 12 hours of birth. Completion of the 3-dose vaccine series is essential. Then post-vaccination serological testing (PVST) of the infants should be performed at 9-12 months or 1-2 months after the completion of the vaccine series. Timely post-vaccination serological testing is important to determine the infant's immune status and determine if additional doses of the HBV vaccine are necessary.

Upcoming Events

Annual VFC Regional Training: Now through 6/30/22 [Annual VFC Regional Training](#)

VFC Flu Vaccine Pre-Order: 6/13-7/31 [VFC Flu Vaccine Pre-Order](#)



Pre-Order your VFC and CHIP Flu Vaccines Now

Believe it or not, flu season is right around the corner! Your clinic can pre-order your VFC and CHIP flu vaccines [here](#).

All the vaccines below are available for VFC patients. The vaccines in yellow are the only ones available for CHIP patients.

Please base your order numbers on patient numbers from the 2021-2022 flu season for more accurate estimates. Delivery of new flu vaccine will likely become available in August and September. Any flu vaccine from this past year that will expire on 6/30/22 should be kept in your refrigerator until that point. Once expired, this vaccine can be returned using a Vaccine Return Form (see HAN).

Pre-book flu vaccine using this link <https://redcap.link/2022flu> between **6/13-7/31**. Direct any questions to chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org.

NDC	Manufacturer	Brand	Description	Age
66019-0309-10	Astra Zeneca	FluMist - Quad	0.2mL single dose sprayer, 10 pack	2-49 years
19515-0808-52	GSK	FluLaval - Quad	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	6 months +
58160-0890-52	GSK	Fluarix - Quad	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	6 months +
49281-0422-10	Sanofi	Fluzone - Quad	0.5mL single dose vial, 10 pack	6 months +
49281-0422-50	Sanofi	Fluzone - Quad	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	6 months +
49281-0637-15	Sanofi	Fluzone - Quad	5mL multi-dose vial, 10 pack	6 months +
70461-0322-03	Sequiris	Flucelvax - Quad	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	6 months +

Expiring Flu Vaccines from 2021-2022 Season

VFC Providers – **Please do not dispose of extra flu vaccine doses before they expire**; instead, see if any infants have become eligible for their flu shot (or another dose) since their last visit.

Because these are quadrivalent vaccines whose antigens change each flu season, infants could benefit from the extra protection provided by the varying antigens that are in the vaccine both last year and this year. A list of eligible patients can be found by using the Immunizations Due report in I-CARE.

What to do with expired vaccine: Attached to the newsletter are two documents, the **VFC/CHIP vaccine return form** and **instructions for when your flu vaccines do actually expire**.

In the News: Monkeypox

Do you have questions about monkeypox?

- Learn more about monkeypox from CDC [here](#).
- Stay up-to-date on the current U.S. outbreak [here](#).
- Find information for healthcare professionals [here](#).



Contact Us

VFC Forms, Policies, Program Updates

www.chicagohan.org/programs/vfc

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

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New VFC HAN

Bookmark the new [VFC HAN website address](#) to find answers to all your VFC questions