Chicago Department of Public Health

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN: COVID-19 VACCINE PROVIDER UPDATE

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What's Covered in This Update:

- Ordering pediatric COVID-19 vaccine
- Upcoming ICAAP webinars
- Additional pediatric COVID-19 vaccine resources and guidance

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Ordering Vaccine

Each Friday, CDPH sends a survey to gather vaccine requests from providers. The current Vaccine Distribution Survey is due Tuesday, July 19th by 5 PM CST for vaccine delivery the week of July 25th.

The survey will be open for a 2-week period. The new pediatric formulations for Moderna and Pfizer are included in the survey. Pfizer shipments for ages 12+ will come in the gray top formulation in quantities of 300 doses – these doses can stay refrigerated for up to 10 weeks. If you are unable to go through 300 doses in the 10-week time frame, you will be required to come to our office for Pfizer 12+ pickup. The minimum order quantity for all other formulations of Moderna and Pfizer is 100 doses, if you wish to receive less than 100 doses then you will be required to come to our office for pickup.

Submit vaccine requests here: https://redcap.link/COVIDVaccineDistribution or reach out directly to Kevin Hansen at Kevin.Hansen@cityofchicago.org.

We will make every effort to honor your request, however, requests will be fulfilled based on vaccine availability, vaccine administration reporting to I-CARE, vaccine inventory reporting to VaccineFinder, and total number of doses requested across all providers.

Please contact COVID19vaccine@cityofchicago.org with any questions.

Upcoming ICAAP Webinars

July 19, 2022, 12:00PM-1:00PM
Maximizing Vaccine Uptake in Your Practice (ICAAP Immunization Webinar Series 2022). Register here.

July 19, 2022, 5:30PM-6:30PM:
Illinois Vaccinates Against COVID-19 (IVAC) Learning Collaborative—Pediatric Populations. Register here.

July 28, 2022, 12:00PM-1:00PM
COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Trials Summary. Register here.

August 2, 2022, 5:30PM-6:30PM
Illinois Vaccinates Against COVID-19 (IVAC) Learning Collaborative—Pediatric Populations. Register here.

August 16, 2022, 5:30PM-6:30PM
Illinois Vaccinates Against COVID-19 (IVAC) Learning Collaborative—Pediatric Populations. Register here.

Additional Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Resources and Guidance

To date, uptake of the COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months to 4 years has been low. Do not miss an opportunity to vaccinate children, especially children in this age group. CDPH asks that providers not worry about vaccine wastage. It is better to open a vaccine vial to vaccinate one child and waste the remaining doses than it is to not vaccinate a child; every child vaccinated is an additional child in our community that is protected.

If wastage remains a concern for your office, consider the following:

- Look ahead for appointment scheduling; schedule multiple young children on the same day of the week and encourage vaccination during routine visits so that multiple doses may be used
- Consider offering COVID-19 only visits; reserve a specific period of time during which your office only sees patients for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines, without the availability of other medical services

Links to Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

Healthy Children or AAP

- COVID Vaccines for Kids 6 Months & Older: FAQs for Families
- COVID Vaccine Checklist for Kids Aged 5-11
- The Science Behind the COVID-19 Vaccine: Parent FAQs
- Ask the Pediatrician: Do I have to pay to vaccinate my child against COVID?
- Ask the Pediatrician: If my child had COVID already, do they need the vaccine?
- COVID-19 and Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)

ICAAP

- Family Resources webpage
- Tips & Tricks to help you and your child get through the needle stick (English)
- Tips & Tricks to help you and your child get through the needle stick (Spanish)
- Outreach and Social Media Images (English and Spanish)

Other

- VaccineFinder - U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Questions and Answers about COVID-19 Vaccines - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Talking About Covid-19 Vaccines for Children Six Months to Four Years Old – Brown University

Quick Resources

Attached to this health alert you will find the following resources:

- COVID -19 Vaccine Dosing_Quick Reference
- COVID-19 Vaccine Storage and Handling– Pfizer
- COVID-19 Vaccine Storage and Handling– Moderna