



Chicago Department of Public Health

# VACCINES FOR CHILDREN NEWS BULLETIN

Chicago Department of Public Health – Immunization Program

Issue Number 8: July 22, 2022

## 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.

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

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

### In This Issue:

- Pre-Order your VFC and CHIP Flu Vaccines Now
- What to do with Expired Flu Vaccines
- VFC Regional Training Certificates
- Tips to Increase Routine Immunizations
- I-CARE Data Quality Best Practices
- What a VFC Provider Should Know about MPV (monkeypox)

## Upcoming ICAAP Webinars

7/28: COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Trials Summary [Register here](#)

8/2 and 8/16: Illinois Vaccinates Against COVID-19 (IVAC) Learning Collaborative— Pediatric Populations. [Register here](#)

## What to do with Expired Flu Vaccines

Attached to the newsletter are two documents:

- The VFC/CHIP vaccine return form
- Instructions for when your flu vaccines expire

Please follow the guidance on these documents to return any expired vaccine that you may have.

## VFC Regional Training Certificates

The Illinois Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) will send certificates of completion for VFC Regional Training in batches. The first batch of certificates was sent on July 8th, and the second batch will be sent on August 5th.

## Tips to Increase Routine Immunizations

Routine childhood immunization rates are still lagging. You can bring your pediatric patients up-to-date on vaccines and avoid a crush of back-to-school visits this fall.

- **Target outreach:** Use your EHR, patient portal, email, phone calls, reminder/recall letters, or texts. Identify patients due for well-child visits by running an I-CARE “Immunization Due” report.
- **Get staff buy-in:** Run your clinic’s coverage rates in I-CARE and re-establish team huddles at the beginning of the day to remind clinic staff of the “recharge routine immunization” campaign.
- **Share information:** Promote the importance of routine immunizations on your website and social media.
- **Make it convenient:** Offer nurse-only quick shot visits. Consider hosting pop-up vaccine clinics on site. Consider weekend vaccine clinics to help busy families.
- **Share safety net options:** Educate patients without insurance about Medicaid and VFC.

## I-CARE Data Quality Best Practices

High-quality data are important for program planning, reporting, and vaccine tracking. Data completeness, accuracy, reliability, and timeliness all contribute to data quality.

Attached to the newsletter is a guide, “[CDPH I-CARE Data Quality Best Practices](#)”, to help improve the quality of data sent to the immunization registry.

## What a VFC provider should know about MPV (monkeypox)?

- There are an increasing number of cases of MPV in Chicago, however as of July 20, NO CHILDREN in Chicago have had MPV. There have been no cases of MPV in children nationally either. Outside of endemic countries, only 7 children in non-endemic countries have been diagnosed with MPV in this outbreak.
- Transmission of MPV requires close person-to-person contact with someone who has MPV. In the current outbreak, children have largely not had close contact with people infected with MPV during their infectious period.
- The [CDPH Monkeypox HAN page](#) details typical symptoms and other information related specimen collection, reporting, isolation, and treatment. <https://www.chicagohan.org/monkeypox>
- If you suspect that a child has MPV, a testing request should be submitted here and it will be reviewed: <https://redcap.link/reportmpx>
  - Testing for most adults should now be done through commercial labs such as LabCorps and Quest.



## Contact Us

### VFC Forms, Policies, Program Updates

[www.chicagohan.org/programs/vfc](http://www.chicagohan.org/programs/vfc)

### COVID-19 Vaccine Information

[www.chicagohan.org/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.chicagohan.org/covid-19-vaccine)

### General VFC Inbox

[ChicagoVFC@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ChicagoVFC@cityofchicago.org)

### COVID-19 Vaccination Inbox

[COVID19Vaccine@cityofchicago.org](mailto:COVID19Vaccine@cityofchicago.org)

### Program Questions

**Kevin Hansen**  
[Kevin.Hansen@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Kevin.Hansen@cityofchicago.org)

**Victor Santiago**  
[victor.santiago@cityofchicago.org](mailto:victor.santiago@cityofchicago.org)

**Jacqueline Tiema-Massie**  
[Jackie.Tiema@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Jackie.Tiema@cityofchicago.org)

### Perinatal Hep B Questions

**Van Quach, Public Health Nurse**  
[van.quach@cityofchicago.org](mailto:van.quach@cityofchicago.org)

**Do you know someone who would benefit from this newsletter?**

Reach out to Elizabeth at [Elizabeth.Meininger@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Meininger@cityofchicago.org) to be added to the distribution list.