

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM NEWS BULLETIN

Chicago Department of Public Health – Immunization Program

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Happy New Year!
We are pleased to announce a new look for the Chicago VFC News Bulletin. The news bulletin serves to keep you aware of emerging VFC program, vaccine and vaccine-preventable disease updates.

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In-Person Chicago VFC and I-CARE Training

We are pleased to continue in-person training for Chicago VFC providers on vaccine management and I-CARE. The in-person training will cover the following:

- An overview of Chicago VFC vaccine management policies
- An overview of I-CARE and how it can be used as a vaccine inventory management tool
- A live demo of I-CARE to address common questions and answers

Who Should Attend:

- New clinic staff members or individuals new to the VFC Program
- Primary and Back up Coordinators who want to learn more about I-CARE
- Clinic staff who order vaccine for their clinic in I-CARE

Location: All sessions except February 6th, will take place at the Chicago Department of Public Health West Side CDC, 2160 West Ogden Ave. Chicago, IL 60612. The February 6th session will take place at 1642 N Besly Ct. Chicago, IL 60642.

Register now: We have 4 upcoming trainings and will announce more sessions to take place in 2019. There is limited space, so sign up early to reserve your spot!

Wednesday January 16th, 10AM-11:30AM (2160 W. Ogden)

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chicago-vfc-i-care-training-tickets-53407658745>

Wednesday January 30th, 10AM – 11:30AM (2160 W. Ogden)

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chicago-vfc-i-care-training-tickets-53407745003>

Wednesday February 6th, 10AM – 11:30AM (1642 N Besly Ct)

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chicago-vfc-i-care-training-tickets-53407936576>

Wednesday February 20th, 10AM – 11:30AM (2160 W. Ogden)

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chicago-vfc-i-care-training-tickets-53408021831>

Digital Data Logger (DDL) Trade Up Program

Control Solutions is currently running a promotion to upgrade to the new DDL model. With this program, providers are able to return old LogTags and trade them in for a new VFC400 for \$95. The new VFC400 will work with the same docking station. The software, which is available for free from the Control Solutions website, is the only item that will need to be updated. The VFC400 has a bigger font, quicker start and stop features, and also has an audible alarm. Please see the attached flyer if you are interested in this program.



Webinar: Tools Pediatricians Can Use to Advocate for Children & Families Who Have Immigrated

The American Academy of Pediatrics Immigrant Health Professional Education Workgroup is hosting a webinar on January 8th.

Title: Tools Pediatricians Can Use to Advocate for Children & Families Who Have Immigrated

Date and time: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 11:00 am – 12 pm Central Standard Time

Presenters: Elizabeth Collins MD, MPH, DTM, FAAP; Danielle Dooley MD, MPhil, FAAP; Mallory Curran JD; and Sebastian Zavala JD.

Learning Objectives:

- Examine the effect of immigration status on health
- Identify examples of how school-based programs and medical-legal partnerships positively impact immigrant health
- Recommend online resources, including legal resources, that pediatricians can share with patients and families who have immigrated

Register : <https://aap.webex.com/aap/onstage/g.php?>

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New CDC Video: The Journey of your Child's Vaccine

CDC recently launched a new [video](#) on the infant and childhood immunization resources webpage.

This video is directed for parents and takes viewers on the journey of a childhood vaccine from development through safety monitoring after a vaccine is licensed and introduced in the population. The 5-minute video explains the three phases of clinical trials, vaccine manufacturing, and how a vaccine is added to the U.S. recommended immunization schedule. Please share the video with parents and link to it from your website and social media channels.

Cheers to 2019 and thank you for protecting children everyday!

Vaccines for Children
Protecting America's children every day

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccines. VFC has helped prevent disease and save lives.

CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2016 will:

- prevent **381 million** illnesses  more than the current population of the entire U.S.A.
- help avoid **855,000** deaths  greater than the population of Seattle, W.A.
- save nearly **\$1.65 trillion** in total societal costs (that includes \$360 billion in direct costs)  or \$5,077 for each American

Updated 2017 analysis using methods from Benefits from Immunization during the Vaccines for Children Program Era—United States, 1994-2017

 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram

Next up for the Chicago VFC Program

We are currently working to update the VFC webpage on the Chicago Health Alert Network to serve as a one-stop shop for VFC resources. We will let you know as soon as it's ready!

VFC program re-enrollment will be available in I-CARE around March 1st. Be on the look out for future bulletins in February outlining re-enrollment instructions and deadlines.

We are working to secure meeting spaces for the VFC regional meetings in April and May. Look for meeting and registration information in March.

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