

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM 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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Reminder: It's still flu season! Keep administering flu vaccine to protect your patients.

2019 VFC Regional Meetings

Registration open now through May 1st

We are looking forward to seeing you this spring at the annual VFC Regional Meetings. Topics will include vaccine management, I-CARE, VFC program updates and information on the vaccine schedule and vaccine-preventable diseases.

ATTENDANCE: Two staff per clinic must attend in order to ensure uninterrupted enrollment in the VFC Program and VFC vaccine delivery. The Primary and Back-up Vaccine Coordinators or other staff with vaccine management responsibilities should attend. Medical Directors and clinic managers are also highly encouraged to attend. We will continue to fill meetings until they reach capacity.

WHEN AND WHERE: All meetings will begin at 8:30 am and end at 12:30 pm. Starting at 8:00 am participants can check-in, enjoy a continental breakfast, and meet with pharmaceutical representatives and other organizations. See meeting dates and locations in the table below.

HOW TO REGISTER: Please go to <https://chicagovfc.eventbrite.com> and enter the password: **chicagovfc** to register by May 1, 2019. Each attendee should register for only one meeting and changes should be updated in Eventbrite **by the attendee**. In the event of duplicate registration, only the latest registration will be valid. Each attendee must use a unique email address, please do not use an email address shared by your clinic. Attendees must register **prior** to the meeting. Certificates of Attendance will be issued only to those who have pre-registered and will be distributed by email after the meeting has concluded. You must attend the entire meeting to be eligible for a certificate. Please email Chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org with any questions.

MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Date	Location	Parking
Thursday, April 11th	Wilbur Wright College (Theatre) 4300 N Narragansett Ave	Free parking in multi-level garage
Wednesday, April 24th	Truman College (Theatre) 1145 W Wilson Ave	Free parking in multi-level garage. Enter from Racine Ave. off Wilson
Wednesday, May 1st	Arturo Velasquez Institute (Conference Ctr.) 2800 S Western Ave	Free parking in lots North and South of building
Wednesday, May 8th	Wilbur Wright College (Theatre) 4300 N Narragansett Ave	Free parking in multi-level garage
Wednesday, May 15th	Richard J. Daley College (Theatre) 7500 S Pulaski Rd	Free parking in Student Lot accessed off of 76th St at Pulaski
Wednesday, May 29th	Malcolm X College (Theatre) 1900 W Jackson Blvd	Free parking in multi-level garage



2019 VFC Program Re-Enrollment

The work your clinic does every day is part of a nation-wide effort to protect thousands of children against vaccine-preventable diseases. Thank you for all you do to make Chicago a strong network of over 400 VFC providers. To maintain your involvement in the VFC program, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires all clinics to re-enroll in the VFC program annually. **This year, the re-enrollment period is open from 3/1/19 - 4/15/19 in I-CARE. Please get started as soon as possible!**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Re-enrollment involves completing the VFC Enrollment Form in I-CARE and printing, signing and submitting the Provider Agreement to the Chicago VFC Program.
- The Provider Agreement must be signed by the Medical Director and returned to the Chicago VFC Program via email chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org or fax 312.746-6220. The Provider Agreement is the only document that must be printed and submitted to the VFC Program. All additional information is captured directly in I-CARE.
- Each clinic must also report the number of children who received vaccinations, by age group, in 2018. This includes both VFC-eligible and non VFC-eligible (CHIP or privately insured) children. The numbers in the Provider Population section of the enrollment form in I-CARE illustrate patient data that was directly entered into I-CARE or uploaded into I-CARE via electronic medical records. These numbers are fully editable, so please edit accordingly to reflect the patients served by your clinic in 2018.

Timely completion and submission will ensure uninterrupted VFC vaccine delivery to your clinic. **Failure to complete re-enrollment by the 4/15/19 due date will result in suspension of vaccine deliveries.** Step by step instructions for completing re-enrollment are included as an attachment to this bulletin. For all re-enrollment questions please contact the Vaccine Management Unit at chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org.

Upcoming Chicago VFC and I-CARE In-Person Training Sessions

We are pleased to continue in-person training for Chicago VFC providers on vaccine management and I-CARE. All sessions will take place at the Chicago Department of Public Health, West Side CDC, 2160 West Ogden Ave. Chicago, IL 60612 in the large conference room.

Upcoming training dates and registration links:

- **Wednesday March 13th, 10AM-11:30AM:**
Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chicago-vfc-i-care-training-tickets-56375158617>
- **Tuesday March 26th, 10AM – 11:30AM:**
Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chicago-vfc-i-care-training-tickets-56376486589>
- **Tuesday April 16th, 10AM – 11:30AM:**
Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chicago-vfc-i-care-training-tickets-56376514673>
- **Tuesday May 21st, 10AM – 11:30AM:**
Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chicago-vfc-i-care-training-tickets-56376602937>

Next up for the Chicago VFC Program:

Over the next several months we will be working hard to process your re-enrollments and kick-off the 2019 VFC regional meetings.

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is coming up April 27 through May 4. We are planning activities to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases. Start thinking about ways your clinic can celebrate NIIW and spread messages on the importance of infant immunizations. Visit [CDC's NIIW 2019 website](#) and stay tuned for more information in the next bulletin.



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