

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM NEWS BULLETIN

Chicago Department of Public Health – Immunization Program

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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

Reminder to register by May 1st !

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>
- 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.
- 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

Reminder to complete re-enrollment in I-CARE by **4/15/19**. 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.

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.

National Infant Immunization Week is April 27th—May 4th

[National Infant Immunization Week](#) is coming up! Keep an eye out for resources your clinic can use during this week and beyond in an upcoming bulletin. In the meantime, consider brainstorming activities your clinic can conduct to celebrate this occasion and spread messages on the importance of infant immunizations!

FOR KIDS BORN 1994–2018,
vaccines will prevent an estimated
936,000
deaths in their lifetimes.

National Infant Immunization Week
IMMUNIZATION.
POWER TO PROTECT.

#ivax2protect

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!

Contact Us:

Primary Contact Method:
ChicagoVFC@cityofchicago.org
Please use this email for all general VFC inquiries and issues including those related to vaccine orders and temperature excursions.

Program Questions:
Felicia Fredricks, Vaccines for Children Program Manager
312-746-6050
Felicia.Fredricks@cityofchicago.org

Clinical Questions:
Dr. Marielle Fricchione, Immunization Program Medical Director
Marielle.Fricchione@cityofchicago.org



Instruction for Completing 2019 VFC Re-enrollment

Before you load the enrollment form in I-CARE, it will be helpful for you to have the following information available:

- The National Provider Identifier (NPI) for the facility/clinic
- The number of providers (MD, DO, NP, PA and Pharmacist) who prescribe VFC vaccine
- The medical license number and National Provider Identifier (NPI) for each provider (MD, DO, NP, PA and Pharmacist) who prescribes VFC vaccine
- The number of children who received vaccinations, by age group (<1, 1-6, and 7-18) and eligibility status in 2018. This includes both VFC-eligible and non VFC-eligible (CHIP, privately insured) children. I-CARE will populate this information based on the doses administered data reported to I-CARE through an interface with an electronic medical/health record or through direct data entry. Please review this information and update as needed.

Step 1: Log into I-CARE.

Step 2: Click on "Clinic" from the menu on the left side of your screen.

Welcome to I-CARE!
The Illinois Department of Public Health developed the Illinois Comprehensive Automated Immunization Registry Exchange

[New users start here...](#)

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CRITICAL! **Weekly I-CARE Maintenance at 4:30 This Afternoon**
Weekly I-CARE maintenance is scheduled for 4:30 this afternoon. I-CARE will be temporarily unavailable while we perform an...
We apologize for the inconvenience.
-- I-CARE Support
Published 33 minutes ago

Step 3: Click the 2019 link next to VFC Enrollment.

Search for Clinic or Group name...
[View a different Clinic...](#)

Clinic | [Appointments](#) | [Reports](#) | [Employees](#) | [Employee Search](#) | [Account Search](#)

[Change My Clinic](#) | [Edit](#) | [Add Contract](#) | [Add Group](#) | [Add Clinic](#)

Clinic ID: 193
Clinic Name: IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM AT WSCDC
Clinic Group: [CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - GROUP](#)

Address: 2160 W OGDEN AVE
RM 302
CHICAGO, IL 60612-4219
County: COOK
Jurisdiction County: COOK
Region: CHICAGO/COOK CO REGION - 08

Phone Number: 312-746-5385
Fax Number: 312-746-6220
Contact Name: CORRAL, LUZ
Contact E-mail: chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org

VFC PIN Number: C05000
VFC Status: Active
VFC Enrollment:

- [2017 Complete](#)
- [2018 Complete](#)
- [2019 NOT STARTED](#)

Original VFC Date: 11/25/2095
Current VFC Date: 08/01/2018
VFC Ordering: I-CARE Orders (Phase 1)
VFC Direct Ship: Yes
VFC Order Hold: No

Step 4: Once the VFC enrollment form has loaded, complete all required fields indicated by a red asterisk.

Step 5: Complete and submit the Provider Agreement. To open the Provider Agreement, click on the VFC Provider Agreement hyperlink. Once opened, you can download and print the Provider Agreement. Next, the Medical Director or equivalent must review, date, and sign the Provider Agreement.

The completed Provider Agreement can be scanned and emailed to ChicagoVFC@cityofchicago.org or faxed to the Vaccine Management Unit at 312-746-6220. On I-CARE, indicate the Provider Agreement has been completed and returned by checking off the corresponding box. This is the only form that must be printed and returned directly to the VFC Program. All additional information is captured directly in I-CARE.

Requirements: The Medical Director or equivalent has printed, signed, and returned the [VFC Provider Agreement](#). *

Provider has read and understands the [VFC Eligibility Policy](#). *

Provider has read and understands the [Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Policy](#). *

Provider has read and understands the [Vaccine Loss and Replacement Policy](#). *

Optional: May we list your clinic on the IDPH VFC Provider Search website at <http://vfc.illinois.gov/search/> as a resource for parents needing immunizations?

Yes No *

May we list your clinic on the IDPH website as a resource for parents needing CHIP (Title 21) vaccinations?

Yes No *

Step 6: Review the VFC Eligibility Policy, Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Policy, and Vaccine Loss and Replacement Policy by clicking on the hyperlinks. Indicate each policy has been read and is understood by checking off the corresponding box.

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Step 7: Once all fields are completed, click on "Change Status" button at the bottom of the enrollment form.

Step 8: Select “requested” from the drop-down menu, then click “Save” at the bottom of the enrollment form. Notifications of status changes are emailed to the clinic's VFC contact(s) in I-CARE and to the I-CARE user who submitted the status change.

Current Status: Draft **NOTE: Must change status to "Requested" to submit enrollment**

Status Date: 02/21/2017

New Status: Status change effective when record is saved.

Status Comments: 02/21/2017 01:36 PM -
TEST

Add Comment:

NOTE: Your name and the current date/time will be automatically included with each Comment added.

Note: You can save your work at any time by clicking the “Save” button at the bottom of the enrollment form. If you leave your enrollment form in “draft” status, it will not be reviewed. If you are ready to submit, please place it in “requested” status.

Once the enrollment form has been set to the “requested” status and saved, the Chicago VFC Program will assess for completeness and change the status to “review” or “complete.” If marked as “review”, VFC Program staff will describe what additional information or edits are needed. If this occurs, please make appropriate changes and re-submit the form by selecting, “requested.”

Re-enrollment is finished when the VFC Program staff change the status to “complete.” Notifications of status changes are emailed to the clinic's VFC contact(s) in I-CARE and to the I-CARE user who submitted the status change.

Contact the Vaccine Management Unit at 312-746-5385 or Chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org with any questions.