

## 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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## **U.S. Measles Cases at Highest Point Since 1992**

### **971 Measles Cases Across the U.S. in 2019 Thus Far**

According to this CDC press release from May 30th, the CDC reported 971 cases of measles in the United States thus far in 2019, exceeding 1992's entire year total of 963. If these outbreaks continue through the fall, the U.S. could lose its measles elimination status. Vaccination recommendations differ depending on local activity. Read the entire CDC press release [here](#).

### **Chicago MMR Vaccine Finder is Live**

The Chicago Department of Public Health has launched a MMR vaccine finder to help citizens without a provider find locations to get vaccinated against measles. Read the May 30th CDPH press release, including comments by CDPH Commissioner Dr. Morita, [here](#). Check out the MMR vaccine finder [here](#).

### **Chicago's first confirmed measles case in 2019**

This May 18th CDPH press release contains details regarding Chicago's first confirmed measles case in 2019. Read the press release [here](#).

### **What can you do now to prepare your practice for measles?**

- Make sure you are receiving health alerts (go to [www.chifrontline.org](http://www.chifrontline.org) to sign up)
- Check CDPH Health Alert Network (HAN) Measles [page](#) for updates: contains up-to-date measles vaccine recommendations, diagnostic tips, a provider job aid, reporting instructions, as well as local case counts and exposure locations
- Consider reminder/recall activities to ensure all patients are up to date on MMR vaccine
- Encourage early back-to-school visits to prepare families for summer travel

## **ICAAP Provider Survey**

The Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) has created a survey to evaluate how health care providers would like to receive updates on the current measles outbreak. Please share your thoughts with ICAAP so they can target their communications more effectively. Take the survey [here](#).

# Training and Seminar Opportunities

## Spring Immunization Seminar on June 6th—REGISTER TODAY!

EverThrive IL's Spring 2019 Immunization Seminar is the perfect opportunity to network with health professionals and receive resources and information about emerging immunization topics. This seminar will include:

- Testimony: How one mom went from vaccine hesitant to an immunization advocate
- Current efforts in the measles outbreak
- Recommended teen and pre-teen vaccines
- An overview of the shingles vaccine

**When:** Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 9:30am-1:00pm (breakfast at 9:00am)

**Where:** Loretto Hospital (645 S. Central Ave)

**Register:** <https://www.everthriveil.org/event/spring-immunization-seminar>

## Webinar: *Immunizations: Using Social Media for Outreach*

Learn how to effectively champion immunizations through social media at this webinar hosted by the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP).

**Where:** via webinar

**When:** Monday, June 24th, 2019 from 12:00pm-1:00pm

**Register:** <http://bit.ly/ICAAPSocialMedia>



## Immunization Training: *What You Should Know About Pediatric Vaccines*

The Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) and the Chicago Department of Public Health would like to invite Medical Assistants and Registered Nurses to a FREE Immunization Training.

**Where:** Malcolm X College – Auditorium

**When:** Wednesday, June 26th, 2019 from 8:00am-3:15 pm

**Register:** <http://icaap.memberlodge.org/event-3348298>

## Up Next for the VFC Program

Flu Pre-Book is coming up! Be prepared to place your flu orders between June 16th and the end of July.

## Other Updates from the Chicago VFC Program

This past week we hosted the final 2019 VFC regional meeting at Malcolm X College. Thank you for those of you who attended.

We are working hard to process the VFC re-enrollments. Please help us by completing re-enrollment now.

We celebrated NIIW by promoting resources to our partners, including the Chicago Park District and Public Library branches. If you celebrated, please tell us what your clinic did by sending us an email at [chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org](mailto:chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org).

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