

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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AAP Article

“Tetanus Spores Lie in Wait for Unvaccinated Children”

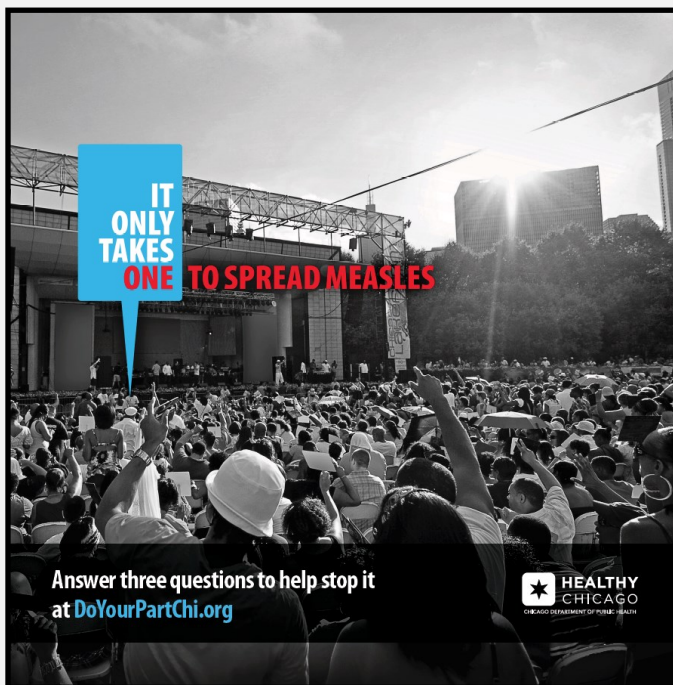
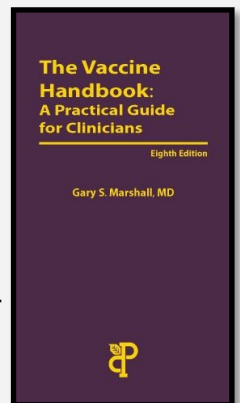
Read [this](#) American Academy of Pediatrics article about the risks of keeping children unvaccinated, including a story about a 6-year-old Oregon boy infected with tetanus in 2017.



Perspectives on Vaccine Hesitancy

Webinar Recording: Vaccine Myths and How to Combat Them

Couldn't listen to the live version of this insightful webinar? [Watch the recording!](#) Learn how to approach vaccine-hesitant parents and best practices for those conversations. Featuring Dr. Gary Marshall, Chief, Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and author of the Vaccine Handbook (The Purple Book). Continuing education credits available.



CDPH Measles Campaign Launch

Keep an eye out for CDPH's measles awareness and prevention campaign on bus shelters, on the radio, and on billboards around the city.

Measles Updates

As of August 22nd, 2019, **1,215 individual cases of measles** have been confirmed in **30 states**. This is an increase of 12 cases from the previous week. Visit the Chicago Health Alert Network (HAN) [measles webpage](#)

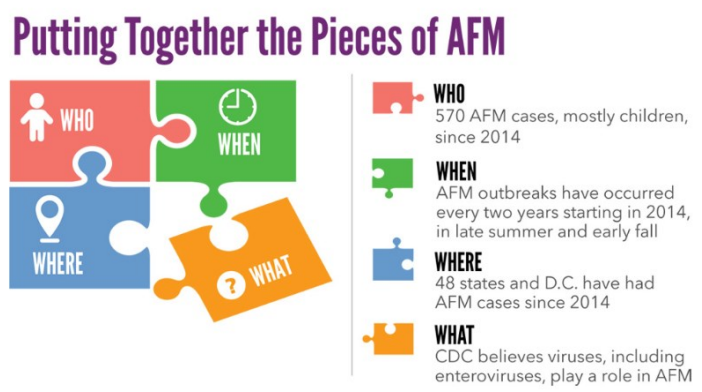
for more information on local measles activity and how to prepare for measles at your office. Families can take a quiz to see if they need MMR vaccine at [DoYourPartChi.org](#).

Chicago MMR Vaccine Finder is Live

The Chicago Department of Public Health launched a MMR Vaccine Finder to help individuals without a provider find locations to get vaccinated against measles. Check out the MMR vaccine finder [here](#).

Acute Flaccid Myelitis Update

AFM is a rare but serious condition causing limb weakness, mostly in children. Some patients also experience difficulty moving their eyes or having drooping eyelids, facial droop or weakness, or difficulty with swallowing or slurred speech. Three national outbreaks have occurred, with a total of 570 cases in 48 states and D.C. since 2014, when CDC began surveillance for AFM. **In 2018, 233 cases of AFM occurred in 41 states, making it the third and largest outbreak to date. Nine of those cases were in Illinois.** Most cases occurred in the late summer or early fall. You can find more information in CDC's [Vital Signs](#) and on the [CDPH AFM HAN page](#).



Training Opportunities

Chicago STD Update for Clinicians– Presented by the St. Louis STD/HIV Prevention Training Center

When: Wednesday, August 28th, 2019 from 12:30 pm—4:30 pm

Where: 525 S. State Street, University Center, Loop/River Room

Cost: Free

Register: Advanced Registration Required— [Click here](#)

Target Audience: This course is designed for physicians, PAs, NPs and RNs who see patients with or at risk for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

Course Description: This course offers state-of-the-art instruction in epidemiological, clinical presentation, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of sexually transmitted disease. Emphasis on new developments in the management of syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia and other nongonococcal infections, and advances in prevention including expedited partner therapy (EPT) and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

VFC and I-CARE In-Person Training

Sign up for one of our upcoming training sessions to learn more about I-CARE 3.0. A live demonstration of I-CARE is covered during these sessions.

All meetings are from **10-11:30 am** and will take place at the West Side Center for Disease Control, 2160 W. Ogden Ave, 60612.

- Wednesday, September 18th
- Wednesday, October 16th
- Wednesday, November 20th
- Wednesday, December 18th

Please visit the [Chicago VFC HAN page](#) and navigate to the Training section to register.

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