

## 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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CHIP vaccine is now being distributed through orders placed in I-CARE!

We are continuing to work with you to ensure you receive vaccine inventory for the populations you serve.

Please contact us with questions.

### Join us at the Illinois HPV Action Plan Chicago-area Workshop

**Date:** Wednesday, 11/20/19

**Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm

**Location:** American Cancer Center: 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1200

**Details:** One of four workshops across the state, this workshop aims to gather stakeholder insight and ultimately add an Illinois HPV Plan to the Illinois Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

At this event, you will learn more about which cancers are related to HPV, explore barriers to prevention and detection, brainstorm and identify best practices to increase vaccination rates, and consider policies, data systems, and practice changes to decrease barriers to patients' vaccination.

Please join the Illinois Public Health Institute, American Cancer Society, Illinois Department of Public Health, and Chicago Department of Public Health in working toward ending vaccine-preventable cancers.

[Register here!](#)

### Free Immunization Seminar from EverThrive Illinois

**Date:** Thursday, 11/7/19

**Time:** 9:00am-1:00pm

**Location:** Loretto Hospital: 345 S. Central Ave.

**Details:** Learn about the nationwide measles outbreak that started last fall. Listen to experts talk about the upcoming flu season, adult vaccinations, and current immunization policy efforts in Illinois. Network with other stakeholders and speak with exhibitors. Attendees will hear from:

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Medical Director, Immunization Program  
Chicago Department of Public Health

Arlene Jackson-Lofton, RN, MBA

Public Health Nurse II  
Chicago Department of Public Health

Kelsie Landers, LMSW

Policy and Advocacy Director  
EverThrive Illinois

Breakfast will be provided.

[Register here!](#)



**Don't wait! Registration will close on 11/5/19.**

## New Chicago Public Schools Health Form Website

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) recently launched a new website containing the most commonly used school health forms: [www.cps.edu/medicalforms](http://www.cps.edu/medicalforms). On the website, the most up-to-date school health forms will be available for clinicians or parents to download and use. These forms will be updated on an annual basis.

The completed forms should be returned by parents to the student's school.

## Upcoming Chicago VFC I-CARE Trainings

Have new staff in your office? Need a refresher on I-CARE yourself? Still have questions about I-CARE 3.0? CDPH's David Juen is here to help.

Attend any of these upcoming trainings and leave with a confident understanding of I-CARE and how you can use it to benefit your practice.

### Dates:

- Wednesday, 11/20/19
- Wednesday, 12/18/19
- Wednesday, 1/15/20
- Wednesday, 2/19/20
- Wednesday, 3/18/20

[Register here!](#)

**Time:** 10:00am-11:30am

**Location:** CDPH WS CDC: 2160 W. Ogden Ave., Large Conference Room

## Looking to increase flu vaccine uptake in your office?

A recent 2019 Pediatrics article showed that providing an educational intervention in the waiting room before a pediatric provider may help increase child influenza vaccine receipt. It found that the parents who received an educational intervention were almost 75% more likely to vaccinate their child by the end of the season and were 59% more likely to have their child vaccinated on the day of the clinic visit.

A simple intervention such as an educational handout can significantly affect the rate of childhood influenza vaccinations.

For more information on this study, the article can be found [here](#).



## Flu season is here!

Don't forget to urge all of your patients to get vaccinated against the flu to protect themselves and their families.

### Contact Us:

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