



Chicago Department
of Public Health

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN 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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Chicago Public Schools has released their **minimum health requirements** for the 2020-21 school year.

[Click to see what CPS's requirements are this year.](#)

**Due On
Tuesday:
6/30/20**

Complete the VFC Regional Meeting Webinar Training

Chicago VFC **requires** at least 2 staff members from each practice to complete the webinar and evaluation.

Each staff member must view the webinar by themselves to earn credit for attending it. Staff must watch it **separately** for each to receive credit.

How to Access the Training

Please go to this link **before 6/30/20** in order to view the Regional Meeting webinar:

<https://tinyurl.com/CDPHVFC2020>.

- You will need to provide your name and email address
- You will be able to pause and start the webinar at any time
- After completing the webinar, **please allow about one week to receive your survey**. Please complete the survey within a week.
- After completing the survey, **please allow another week** before you will receive your attendance credit and your Continuing Education certificate

Questions?

Webinar/CE questions: AWong@illinoisap.com

VFC questions: ChicagoVFC@cityofchicago.org



How to Help Patients Feel Safe Returning to Your Office

Patients are feeling nervous about returning to their doctors' offices for routine medical care, including vaccination visits.

You can play a big role in helping ease their fears by sharing with them all the ways you are keeping them healthy and safe. Encouraging your patients to return to the clinic in a safe way will be essential to keeping Chicagoans healthy.

Please take a look at these resources and find ways to incorporate them into communications with your staff and patients.

For Your Clinic

- [CDC Infection Control Guidance](#)
- [CDC Guidance on Managing Operations during COVID-19](#)
- [CDC Guidance on Providing non-COVID-19 Clinical Care](#)
- [American Academy of Family Physicians' Checklist to Prepare Your Office for COVID-19](#)

For Your Patients

- [CDC Guidance on Routine Vaccination During COVID-19](#)
- [CDC Guidance on Encouraging Vaccinations during COVID-19](#)
- [CDC Print Resources for Your Office \(Multiple Languages\)](#)
- [Vaccinate Your Family Guidance on "Call, Don't Cancel" for Vaccination Appointments](#)

2020-21 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Pre-book

The 2020-21 VFC Pediatric Flu Pre-book is now available at the following link:

<https://redcap.link/2020fluprebook>

*****Requests must be received by July 31st, 2020*****

A few things to remember:

- All formulations are Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccines (QIV).
- Pre-book amount should be requested by **doses** in multiples of 10; if you want 50 doses, please enter **50**, not 5.
- Once available, flu doses will start arriving in your offices. You may not receive your entire order at the same time. We will continue to distribute doses until we have sent your entire pre-book request.
- There is a limited supply of certain influenza vaccine products. If providers request more than what is available, VFC will reach out to your office to redistribute your order with available vaccine.

If you have any questions on how much flu you requested last season, please call or email the Vaccine Management Unit at 312-746-5385 or ChicagoVFC@cityofchicago.org.

Return Expired Flu Vaccine

You may return flu vaccine from the 2019/20 flu season only **AFTER** it has expired. Please fill out a Vaccine Return Form ([available on the HAN](#)) and fax to 312-746-6220.

Please also remember to **remove it from your I-CARE inventory** after submitting the Return Form.



Contact Us

Forms, Policies, and Program Updates
www.ChicagoHAN.org/VFC

Primary Contact Method

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Please use this email for all general VFC inquiries and issues including those related to vaccine orders and temperature excursions

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