



Chicago Department
of Public Health

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN 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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Chicago Public Schools has released its [minimum health requirements](#) for the 2020-21 school year.

2020 CDPH FLU CAMPAIGN - *Flu Shots Available at No Cost*



Be a Chi Flu Fighter! City of Chicago Department of Health is hosting its annual community flu clinics. Flu shots are available at no cost.

Visit www.chicago.gov/flu to find a community flu clinic, learn about the flu vaccine, common flu myths, the latest flu activity and more.

CHICAGO HEALTHCARE SYSTEM COALITION FOR PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Situational Awareness Web Meeting Series

Join us for a webinar series beginning on Friday, Oct. 30, 2020 at 12:00 PM

REGISTER HERE NOW!

This webinar series will provide information to Chicago Healthcare Coalition (HCC) members and other healthcare partners about City of Chicago (IDPH EMS Region 11) COVID-19 vaccination planning. The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) will provide briefings and situational awareness for those organizations that are physically based in Chicago. Participants will be able to ask questions and time will be reserved after each meeting to provide answers. Minutes and a recorded link to each webinar will be made available following the session. **YOU WILL ONLY NEED TO REGISTER ONCE FOR ALL SESSIONS IN THIS SERIES.**

CDC Reminder/Recall Strategies for Increasing Childhood Vaccination Rates

The COVID-19 pandemic is changing rapidly and requires different strategies to maintain clinical preventive services, including immunization. Find up-to-date guidance on childhood vaccination and clinical practice [here](#).



Fewer childhood vaccines have been given during the COVID-19 pandemic*

To avoid outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases and keep children protected, **vaccinations and well-child visits are essential**

*Compared with January-April, 2019

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Return Expired Flu Vaccine

You may now return flu vaccine from the 2019/20 flu season.

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

ChicagoVFC@cityofchicago.org

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

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Sign up for VFC Regional Meeting Webinar [here](#).

At least 2 staff members from each Chicago VFC practice are required to complete the webinar and evaluation.

How to Access the Training

Please go to this link 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, you will receive a link to complete the evaluation
- Please complete the evaluation **within a week** in order to receive attendance credit and your Continuing Education certificate.

Questions?

Webinar/CE questions: AWong@illinoisap.org

VFC Requirement questions: ChicagoVFC@cityofchicago.org