

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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I-CARE 3 Webinar

Please join IDPH at a webinar covering the new features of I-CARE 3.

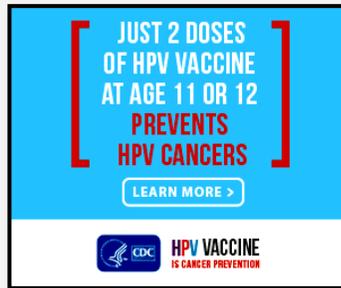
When: Wednesday, 1/15/20, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Where: WebEx

How: Register [here](#) (you may be required to login to your I-CARE account)

JANUARY IS CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Remember that on-time vaccination against HPV can help prevent cervical and other cancers.



ICAAP webinar on Cervical Cancer Awareness:

When: Tuesday, 1/28/20, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Where: GoToWebinar

How: Register [here](#)

The CDC has a handout to help staff address concerns about the HPV vaccination (attached). Check out [these resources](#) from the American Cancer Society to learn more.

New Single-Dose Ordering Options

Chicago VFC Providers now have the option to order single doses (anywhere between 1-10 doses) for the following formularies:

- **Bexsero** (syringe only) – NDC – 58160-0976-06
- **Tenivac** (vial) – NDC – 49281-0215-10
- **Tenivac** (syringe) – NDC – 49281-0215-15
- **Pneumovax 23** (syringe only) – NDC – 00006-4943-00

When ordering, input the desired quantity on the ordering panel. If splitting between VFC, CHIP, or CHIP only, be sure to indicate that in the status comment box.



CDC Advisory on Elevated Influenza Activity & Chicago Updates

Last week's [Chicago Flu Update](#) reported the first pediatric flu death of the season for Chicago and Illinois. Influenza B/Victoria and A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses are the predominant viruses so far this season and some studies indicate that Influenza B has a higher mortality in young children. This serves as a good reminder to continue vaccinating your patients against flu through the end of the season. Please read the [CDPH press release](#) for local resources and the January 10, 2020 [CDC Health Advisory](#) for national data and details on antiviral therapy. There are no current shortages of antiviral medications being reported in the city of Chicago. Direct patients to [MedFinder](#) to find the nearest pharmacy that stocks their prescribed formulation of antiviral medication.

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Shang M et al. Influenza-Associated Pediatric Deaths in the United States, 2010-2016. *Pediatrics.* 2018;141(4). <https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/pediatrics/141/4/e20172918.full.pdf>

Tran D, Vaudry W, Moore D, et al. Hospitalization for Influenza A Versus B. *Pediatrics.* 2016;138(3). <https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/pediatrics/138/3/e20154643.full.pdf>

VFC Regional Meetings Registration: Keep an Eye Out!

Your office will soon be able to register for the 2020 VFC Regional Meeting training, which offers valuable information on policies, I-CARE 3, Chicago VFC resources, and vaccine updates. There will be 5 available dates this year. Remember that it is a VFC program requirement to send at least two representatives from your office to this training.

Chicago VFC will send out a link to register within the next month.

VFC Re-Enrollment

Due 4/15/20

It's time to re-enroll in the VFC Program. The CDC requires all VFC providers to re-enroll each year. This year, re-enrollment is open until 4/15/20 in I-CARE.

The work your clinic does every day is part of a nation-wide effort to protect thousands of children against vaccine-preventable diseases. Thank you for all you do to make Chicago a strong network of over 400 VFC providers.

Please re-enroll ASAP!



GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Re-enrollment has 2 parts:
 - 1) In I-CARE, complete the Enrollment Form.*
 - 2) Print the Provider Agreement and have the Medical Director review and sign it. Then return it to the Chicago VFC Program via email (chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org) or fax (312-746-6220).

The Provider Agreement is the only document that must be printed and submitted. All additional information is captured directly in I-CARE.

- Each clinic must report the number of children who received vaccinations, by age group, in 2019. This includes both VFC-eligible and non VFC-eligible (CHIP or privately insured) children. The numbers in the Provider Population section of the enrollment form in I-CARE illustrate patient data that was directly entered into ICARE or uploaded into I-CARE via electronic medical records. Please edit these numbers to accurately reflect the patients served by your clinic in 2019.

Timely completion and submission will ensure uninterrupted VFC vaccine delivery to your clinic. Failure to complete re-enrollment by the 4/15/20 due date will result in suspension of vaccine deliveries. Step by step instructions for completing re-enrollment are included as an attachment to this bulletin. For all re-enrollment questions please contact the Vaccine Management Unit at chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org.

*IMPORTANT UPDATE

This year, Chicago VFC providers are eligible to receive both VFC and CHIP vaccines stock. VFC stock is funded by the federal government, while CHIP is a state-funded vaccine program. It is important that patients only receive the vaccine doses for which they are eligible. *A patient's eligibility should be screened prior to each visit.*

When reporting your patient population on the re-enrollment form, pay close attention to the numbers reported. The patient population listed for the 2020 year will drive the number of doses received for both the VFC and CHIP vaccines. This is a great opportunity to ensure all your numbers are correct for the 2020 year.

Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy

Interested in how best to address vaccine hesitancy? Take [this quiz](#) from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to see how much you know, then check your answers to learn more about best practices for increasing vaccine confidence.

CHIP Vaccine

Still curious about how to order CHIP vaccine? Want to learn more and get involved?

Check out the attached guide to walk you through how it all works.

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