

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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Stay Up-To-Date on the Latest Chicago Coronavirus News

The Chicago Department of Public Health is launching a COVID-19 newsletter that will release timely updates on press releases, guidance, and other important information for preparing and responding.

Sign up [here](#).

IMPORTANT UPDATE: PLEASE READ

2020 VFC Regional Meetings

Due to the spread of COVID-19, the Chicago VFC program has decided to act with an abundance of caution by following CDC/CDPH guidance to practice social distancing.

This means the Chicago VFC Regional Meetings are being **rescheduled and will NOT take place in-person**. They will be delivered remotely, via three webinars. We appreciate your understanding and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please register for these webinars by 12:00pm on 3/31/2020, even if you already registered for the in-person VFC Regional Meetings.

How will this work?

All attendees will register online using GoToWebinar. The regional meetings have been condensed down to three live webinars between 60-75 minutes. Two VFC staff from each clinic are required to register for and attend and participate in each webinar (two separate registrations). A post-test and evaluation will be distributed at the end.

How do I register for these webinars?

Please click on [this link](https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1070952218713764364) to register (<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1070952218713764364>). Please register by 12:00 pm on 3/31/2020. *Please register even if you already signed up for an in-person meeting.*

When are the webinars?

- **Wednesday, April 1st, 2020: 12:00pm-1:00pm**
- **Wednesday, April 15th, 2020: 12:00pm-1:00pm**
- **Wednesday, April 29th, 2020: 12:00pm-1:15pm**

What do I need to do to get my CME's and Certificate of Completion?

To receive your CME's and Certificate, you must attend all webinars in full. You must also score at least 80% on the post-test and complete the post-webinar evaluation.

What if I can't make it to a webinar due to a scheduling conflict?

Please email us at chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org if one or more of these times will not work for you. We understand that this is a new process, and that these times may be inconvenient for some of our VFC providers and staff.

What if I can't get GoToWebinar to work on my computer, day-of?

GoToWebinar should work on any web browser. Please be sure your browser is updated, if possible. Additionally, we strongly recommend that you login to GoToWebinar 10-15 minutes before the webinar starts to address any issues.

If you experience technical issues with launching GoToWebinar or during the presentations, please email Melissa Bustamante at mbustamante@illinoisap.com.

Who can I contact with additional questions?

Please email chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org with any additional questions you may have.



VFC Re-Enrollment

Due 4/15/20

Don't forget!

If you haven't already, the time is now to re-enroll in the VFC Program. **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 millions 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.** 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.

*Mark Your
Calendars!*

**National
Infant
Immunization
Week 2020**

**NIIW is fast
approaching,
and will be held
4/25/20-5/2/20.**

CDPH will distribute resources to help your practice to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases. Keep an eye out!

Contact Us

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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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