

## 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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### Only 3 Weeks Left!

### Complete the VFC Regional Meeting Webinar Training by 6/30/20

At least 2 staff members from each Chicago VFC practice are required to complete the webinar and evaluation **before 6/30/20**.

### 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, 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](mailto:AWong@illinoisap.org)

VFC Requirement questions: [ChicagoVFC@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ChicagoVFC@cityofchicago.org)

### Mark Your Calendars! CDPH I-CARE Webinar on 6/24

#### *Getting ready to welcome children back for immunizations? Preparing for flu vaccination season?*

Join us for this upcoming webinar that will review I-CARE 3 (Illinois Comprehensive Automated Immunization Registry Exchange).

Built by IDPH, I-CARE allows public and private healthcare providers to share the immunization records of Illinois residents with other physicians statewide.

Please encourage your staff and colleagues to attend this informative webinar, presented by CDPH's very own **David Juen**, Projects Coordinator and I-CARE 3 expert.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CST

**How to Register:** <https://bit.ly/2XGx9WG>

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.](#)



### COVID-19 Provider Impact Survey

Please share what you are doing to reach at-risk infants, children and adolescents in Chicago by answering [this set of questions](#).

CDPH will use this information to help us determine ways to better support your work as things begin to return to our "new normal."



## 2020-21 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Pre-book

The Chicago VFC Program will supply seasonal influenza vaccine to providers for vaccination of **VFC-eligible children** (Medicaid-eligible, Uninsured, American Indian or Alaskan Native, or underinsured at FQHCs only).

The 2020-21 VFC Pediatric Flu Pre-book is now available at the following link:  
<https://redcap.link/2020fluprebook>

**\*\*Requests must be received by Friday, August 14th, 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.

### Providers may choose from the 8 formulations listed below:

- Fluzone 0.25 mL pre-filled syringes, preservative free (6-35 months) - QIV\*
- Fluzone 0.5 mL single dose vials, preservative free (6 months-18 years) - QIV\*
- Fluzone 0.5 mL single dose syringes, preservative free (6 months-18 years) - QIV\*
- Fluarix 0.5 mL pre-filled syringes, preservative free (6 months-18 years) - QIV\*
- Flulaval 0.5 mL pre-filled syringes, preservative free (6 months-18 years) - QIV\*
- Fluzone 0.5 mL multidose vials (6 months-18 years) - QIV\*
- Flumist 2 mL pre-filled sprayer, preservative free (2-18 years) - QIV\*
- Flucelvax 0.5 mL single dose syringe, preservative free (4-18 years) - QIV\*

\*QIV contains 4 strains of the influenza virus: two influenza A strains and two influenza B strains

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](mailto: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  
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[www.ChicagoHAN.org/  
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