



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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Share this newsletter with colleagues so they can stay in the know!

Have staff that would benefit from receiving this newsletter? Email us at chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org with their email address, and we'll add them to our distribution list!

Flu Vaccine Distribution

Did your clinic order flu vaccine during flu pre-book?

Great! Your flu vaccine should be arriving. If you haven't received any flu vaccine yet, please email chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org.

Did your clinic not order flu vaccine during flu pre-book?

Please email chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org to explore options to get your clinic allocation of flu vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates: 3rd Doses, Pfizer FDA Approval

3rd Doses

- On 9/17, the FDA VRBPAC committee recommended to FDA that a booster should be given at least 6 months after 2nd dose to individuals 65+, 18+ in long-term care, and aged 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions that place them at high risk of severe illness with COVID-19.
- On 9/24, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation for a booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in certain populations and also recommended a booster dose for those in high risk occupational and institutional settings.
- Currently, there are no advisories on J&J or Moderna booster doses, though FDA with discuss this at two meetings on 10/14 and 10/15

FDA Decisions on Pfizer Vaccine

- FDA approved Pfizer-BioNTech's "COMIRNATY" COVID-19 vaccine and adopted it into childhood and adult vaccination schedule for individuals 16+
- Providers can still administer the series to adolescents 12-15 years old under the FDA emergency use authorization (EUA)
- Continue to use the EUA fact sheet in place of the VIS until further notice
- FDA will be meeting on 10/26 to discuss EUA authorization of Pfizer vaccine for ages 5-11 years. There will be a different formulation distributed for this purpose and we will keep providers updated as we hear about ACIP approval and timing of deliveries.



Sign Up for CDPH I-CARE Training!



CDPH's Dave Juen is leading I-CARE trainings for you + your staff.

These are in-person at 2160 W. Ogden Ave, and limited to 15 participants. Sign up [here](#) (using a unique—not shared—email).

Anyone who is new to the VFC program or needs a refresher should enroll in this course. Upcoming dates are:

- **October 20, 2021—1-2:30pm**
- **November 24, 2021—1-2:30pm**
- **December 15, 2021—1-2:30pm**
- **January 19, 2022—1-2:30pm**

Sign Up to be a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider

More than 2 of every 3 VFC providers in the City of Chicago are signed up as COVID-19 vaccine providers. If you aren't already signed up, please sign up!

Check out attached guide for directions.



**LET'S PLAY
CATCH-UP
ON ROUTINE VACCINES**

CDC curated [resources](#) for pediatric practices to help get kids back up to speed on their routine vaccines.

Check them out [here](#)!

Annual VFC Program Re-Enrollment and Regional Meeting Training Requirements

If your clinic did not...

1. **submit your re-enrollment paperwork (or)**
2. **complete the Regional Meeting training requirement**

Please email Patrick Irving at Patrick.Irving@cityofChicago.org to discuss your options.



Contact Us

VFC Forms, Policies, Program Updates

www.chicagohan.org/programs/vfc

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

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