

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) NEWS BULLETIN

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BACK TO SCHOOL...IS NOW

It's hard to imagine thinking about the 2023/2024 school year, but the truth is it's not too early to start taking action now. We know that you are aware some children have missed their routine vaccines since the start of the pandemic. Use back to school visits as a time to get your pediatric patients back on track with them. You've heard these techniques before, but it is always a good idea to revisit them and make sure you're using them:

- Target outreach: Use your EHR, patient portal, email, phone calls, reminder/recall letters, or texts.
- Identify patients due for well-child visits by running an I-CARE "Immunization Due" report (instructions at the end of the newsletter).
- Get staff buy-in: Run your clinic's coverage rates in I-CARE and re-establish team huddles at the beginning of the day to remind clinic staff of the importance of getting children back on track.
- Share information: Promote the importance of routine immunizations on your website and social media.
- Make it convenient: Offer nurse-only quick shot visits. Consider hosting drive-thru or pop-up vaccine clinics on site. Consider weekend vaccine clinics to help busy families.
- Share safety net options: Educate patients who lost insurance about Medicaid and VFC - and help patients ensure they complete the steps needed for the re-determination process.

WATER SAFETY REMINDER

Vaccines keep children safe and growing - and there are a lot of other things we need to do to keep them healthy. During warmer months, this includes water safety. Remind your patients about the importance of water safety - like never leaving a child alone while they are in or near water, making sure pool gates are closed and child-proof, remembering that "floaties" are not a substitute for a life jacket, and to make sure a life-jacket is worn on boats at all times. Find these tips and more through the American Academy of Pediatrics' [Healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org) [article](#).



COVID-19 VACCINE PROTECTION WANES

A meta-analysis of COVID-19 vaccine studies suggests that vaccine effectiveness against an Omicron COVID-19 infection quickly declines within a year of vaccination. The review showed that vaccine effectiveness against Omicron infection and symptomatic disease was under 20% six months after vaccination with the primary series and under 30% nine months after vaccination with a booster dose. This demonstrates a need for additional doses (primarily among older and immunocompromised populations), as well as a need for updated formulations of the vaccine. Despite waning protection, everyone 6 months and older should be vaccinated in an effort to keep themselves and their loved ones healthy for as long as possible.

COVID-19 VACCINE CPT CODES

With the recent change to the use of bivalent-only COVID-19 vaccine products, there have been some updates to the coding structure for COVID-19 vaccine administration and counseling. Refer to [this detailed article](#) from the AAP for more information to help ensure you are getting paid for all your efforts! Here is the updated schedule of fees from [IL HFS](#).

JANSSEN COVID-19 VACCINE NO LONGER AVAILABLE

The Janssen (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine is no longer available in the US, as all remaining doses expired as of May 7, 2023. Any remaining stock should be disposed of in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. All guidance for use of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine has also been removed from the CDC website. Those who previously received 1 or 2 doses of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine should receive at least one bivalent dose of a Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

Remember: COVID-19 vaccines are on the ACIP recommended vaccine schedule. All VFC providers will be required to offer COVID-19 vaccines upon commercialization (expected this fall).

POLIO VACCINE

Significant progress has been made toward the eradication of polio, with a 99.9% global decrease in wild poliovirus (WPV) cases since 1988. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only two countries that still see transmission of WPV type 1, which leaves the door open to transmission in other countries with un- or under-vaccinated populations. Similarly, transmission of vaccine-derived poliovirus (from the circulation of oral poliovirus vaccine strains) can occur among insufficiently vaccinated populations and was identified in the US in 2022. These trends exemplify the value of polio vaccines and the need for renewed vaccination efforts. Learn more about the impact that polio vaccination (or lack thereof) can make in an individual's life from this survivor's story.

FLU PRE-BOOK

Although summer is just getting started, it's also time to start thinking about the fall respiratory virus season and flu vaccines. The preordering survey for the 2023-2024 flu vaccine supply will be available soon! In the meantime, please consider your patient numbers from the 2022-2023 season for a more accurate estimate of how much to order.

RSV VACCINE

An RSV vaccine for pregnant women has received initial approval from the FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC). It is expected that the FDA will determine whether to approve the vaccine over the summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS



June 16, 8:30AM: I-VAC COVID-19 Vaccine Bootcamp – IN PERSON.



June 20, 12PM: Back to School, Back to Vaccine Basics Webinar



June 22, 12PM: Lead Poisoning Prevention for Children Webinar

VFC TRAINING REMINDER

The 2023 regional VFC training is now available! This training is available on the Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics' Learning Management System called Remote Learner. Please take note of these important considerations:

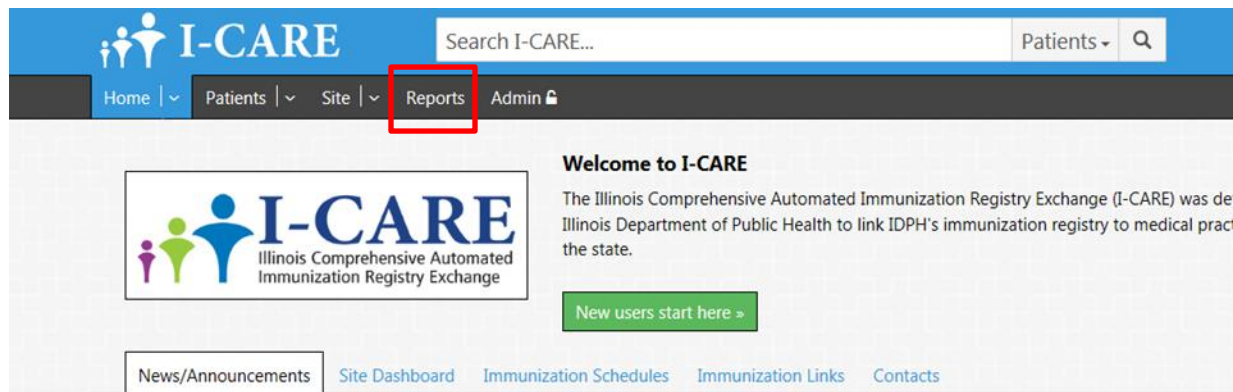
- Two staff members from each VFC site must complete training.
- Training must be completed *individually*. Each person must create an account, complete the modules, and submit a post-test and course evaluation.
- **Training must be completed by 7/28/23.** Ordering privileges will be suspended if training requirements are not met.
- The training can be found by creating an account, then clicking "Course Catalog" > "Immunizations" > "2023 CDPH Vaccines for Children Training"

Please reach out to Monica Del Ciello at mdelciello@illinoisAAP.com if you have any other questions regarding this year's training.

Instruction for Running Immunization Due Report

Step 1: Log into I-CARE.

Step 2: Click on “Reports” at the top of your screen.



Step 3: Under “Vaccine Management Reports” click “Immunizations Due”

Vaccine Management Report

[Appliances](#) – Generate a list of site appliances that match the search criteria.

[Immunizations Due](#) – Generate a list of all patient immunizations due that match the search criteria.

[Immunizations Given](#) – Generate a list of all patient immunizations given that match the search criteria.

[Immunization Activity](#) – Generate a summary list of all patient immunizations given that match the search criteria.

[Temperature Logging](#) – Generate a list of appliance temperature log entries that match the search criteria.

[Vaccine Accountability](#) – Generate a report of doses administered, wasted, and expired. Report also includes adjustment transactions and balance corrections.

[Vaccine Conversion](#) – Generate a mapping between NDC and I-CARE vaccines.

[Vaccine Information Statements \(VIS\)](#) – Generate a list of Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) status dates.

[Vaccine Inventory](#) – Generate a list of vaccine lot inventory levels.

[Vaccine Transactions](#) – Generate a transaction list of vaccine doses.

VFC Forms

[VFC Eligibility Status Chart](#) – A Chart to help determine who to vaccinate with VFC Vaccine.

Step 4: Input criteria

- Carefully input “Birth Date From:”/ “Birth Date To:” and “Shot Date From:”/ “Shot Date To:” ensuring the criteria meets VFC eligibility (patients ages 18 and under)
- Select appropriate “Groups:” to generate report for specific vaccines or “All” to generate report for all due vaccines

I-CARE Search I-CARE... Patients ▾

Home ▾ Patients ▾ Site ▾ Reports Admin

Report: Site Immunizations Due Report

Criteria

Site: IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM AT WSCDC

Birth Date From: 01/13/2001 *

Birth Date To: 01/14/2020 *

Shot Date From: 01/13/2001 *

Shot Date To: 01/14/2020 *

Groups: All DTP HIB HAV HBV HPV FLU H1N1 MMR MEN MEN-B PNE
 POL ROT Tdap Td VAR ZOS Other

Report Notification: E-mail None *

Notification Email: [REDACTED] *

Select an Action:

Step 4: Next to "Report Notification" click "Email" Click "Submit Background Report" to generate report

- **Immunization Due Report does not generate instantaneously, therefore you must select a notification method to receive an update from I-CARE when the report is complete.**

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Criteria

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Birth Date From: 01/13/2001 *

Birth Date To: 01/14/2020 *

Shot Date From: 01/13/2001 *

Shot Date To: 01/14/2020 *


Groups: All DTP HIB HAV HBV HPV FLU H1N1 MMR MEN MEN-B PNE
 POL ROT Tdap Td VAR ZOS Other

Report Notification: E-mail None *

Notification Email: david.juen@cityofchicago.org *

Select an Action:

- Immunization Due Report Running



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View: Reports
Site: IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM AT WSCDC

Reports Background Report Results Admin 🔒

Filter: Refresh My Reports → Delete

	Report	Date	Status	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vaccine - Immunizations Due	01/14/2020 11:52:26 AM	Running	Immediate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coverage Level - Standard	01/14/2020 11:14:17 AM	Complete	Immediate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coverage Level - Standard	01/14/2020 11:11:48 AM	Complete	Immediate

- Immunization Due Report Complete



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	Report	Date	Status	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vaccine - Immunizations Due	01/14/2020 11:52:28 AM	Complete	Immediate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coverage Level - Standard	01/14/2020 11:14:17 AM	Complete	Immediate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coverage Level - Standard	01/14/2020 11:11:48 AM	Complete	Immediate

Step 5: Select "Vaccine-Immunizations Due" and next to "Select an Action:" select "HTML Report", "PDF Report", or "CSV Export"* to generate "Vaccine – Immunizations Due"

I-CARE Search I-CARE... Patients

Home Patients Site Reports Admin

IMMUNIZA

Background Report: Vaccine - Immunizations Due 1289159026

Background Status: Complete

Status Date: 01/14/2020 11:52:28 AM

Criteria Report

Select an Action: Return HTML Report PDF Report CSV Export

Report: Vaccine - Immunizations Due

Background Parameters: Site Id Admin: 193
Site Name: IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM AT WSCDC
Dob From: 2019-01-14T00:00:00
Dob To: 2020-01-14T00:00:00
Shot From: 2019-01-14T00:00:00
Shot To: 2020-01-14T00:00:00
Vaccine Groups:
Background Notify Code: EMAIL
Background Notify Email: david.juen@cityofchicago.org
Create Employee Id Admin: 1115777917
Home Site Id Admin: 193

Background Status: Complete

Status Date: 01/14/2020 11:52:28 AM

Assigned Thread: 0

Background Priority: Immediate

Background Notification: E-mail

*HTML in browser, PDF generates adobe document, CSV an excel document