

# I-VAC

ILLINOIS VACCINATES  
AGAINST COVID-19



## I-VAC NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2022

### ILLINOIS VACCINATES AGAINST COVID-19 (I-VAC) DO-IT-YOURSELF TOOLKIT AND OUTREACH MATERIALS

We are happy to announce that the I-VAC do-it-yourself toolkit and outreach bundle are available digitally and can be mailed upon request.



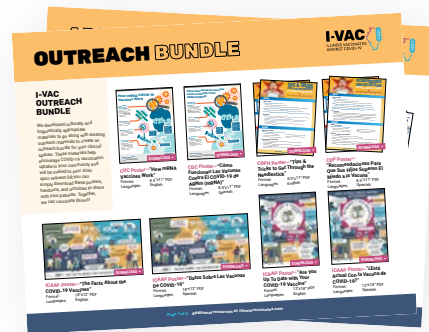
#### THE DO-IT-YOURSELF TOOLKIT

This is a one-stop-shop with up-to-date information about how you can integrate the COVID-19 vaccines into regular clinical workflows from the ground up. It is broken down into self-guided modules that cover topics including:

- Becoming a vaccinator
- Vaccine ordering, storage, and handling
- Vaccine administration
- Clinical considerations
- Increasing vaccine uptake
- And much more – including charts, one page information sheets, etc..

Every source used to compile this toolkit (guidance, policies, and procedures, etc.) around vaccine administration is linked and organized by section to ensure any additional information you might need is easy to find. The toolkit will be updated on a regular basis.

Access the digital version of the toolkit at:  
[illinoisvaccinates.com/toolkit](https://illinoisvaccinates.com/toolkit)



#### THE I-VAC OUTREACH BUNDLE

This is a collection of patient-facing resources designed to help normalize COVID-19 vaccines. These posters, handouts, etc. convey medically accurate information about COVID-19 vaccines and were developed with diverse audiences and health literacy levels in mind.

Some resources are meant to be shared via social media or digitally, while others are printed out to hand directly to patients or hang in your clinical spaces. The materials cover a diverse range of topics and are available in multiple languages.

Browse the outreach bundle at:  
[illinoisvaccinates.com/resources](https://illinoisvaccinates.com/resources)



Request hard copies of the toolkit or outreach materials at [illinoisvaccinates.com/contact](https://illinoisvaccinates.com/contact). E-mail [facts@ilvaccinates.com](mailto:facts@ilvaccinates.com) with questions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### JUNE 15, 5:30 PM

I-VAC & ECHO Learning Collaborative - Adult Populations

[Register on Zoom](#)

### JUNE 17, 7:30 AM

I-VAC Vaccine Bootcamp

[Register on Zoom](#)

### JUNE 21, 5:30 PM

I-VAC & ECHO Learning Collaborative - Pediatric Populations

[Register on Zoom](#)

### JUNE 29, 5:30 PM

I-VAC & ECHO Learning Collaborative - Adult Populations

[Register on Zoom](#)

### JULY 5, 5:30 PM

I-VAC & ECHO Learning Collaborative - Pediatric Populations

[Register on Zoom](#)

### JULY 13, 5:30 PM

I-VAC & ECHO Learning Collaborative - Adult Populations

[Register on Zoom](#)

### JULY 19, 5:30 PM

I-VAC & ECHO Learning Collaborative - Pediatric Populations

[Register on Zoom](#)

### JULY 27, 5:30 PM

I-VAC & ECHO Learning Collaborative - Adult Populations

[Register on Zoom](#)



## COVID-19 VACCINE FOR UNDER 5, WHAT WE KNOW NOW

In just a few weeks, it will be the littlest kids' turn to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. This means infants, toddlers and preschoolers will finally be protected and parents and families will have some peace of mind after more than two years of navigating their safety. It is more important than ever that these younger age groups be vaccinated in their medical homes to ensure they are also getting their other routine vaccinations in a timely manner. We also know parents trust information about these vaccines coming from their child's pediatrician [the most](#). We are here to help you in preparing now.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) [Pediatric Planning Guide](#): The Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) is tentatively scheduled to meet on June 14 and June 15 regarding Moderna and Pfizer's EUA request. CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is anticipated to meet within several days of VRBPAC, assuming FDA authorization; the meeting(s) will be posted [here](#) once scheduled.

Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna have conducted clinical trials and data collection for COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 6 months through 4 years and 6 months through 5 years, respectively. Either one or both vaccines may receive FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) and CDC recommendation. Additional information will be released as it becomes available [here](#).

While there are still questions and much anticipation as to what the next steps will be, it is important to start preparing and acting now.

# VACCINE UPDATES CORNER:

## COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATES:

Summary of recent changes from the CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Approved or Authorized in the United States (last updated May 20, 2022):

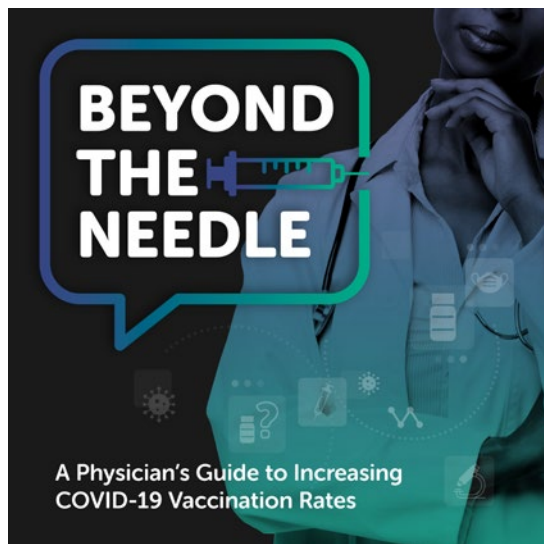
- New guidance for use of a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine booster dose in children ages 5–11 years
- Updated guidance that the following people should receive a second COVID-19 booster dose:
  - People ages 12 years and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised
  - People ages 50 years and older
- Updated guidance for people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised and are treated with B-cell-depleting therapies
- Clarification of COVID-19 vaccination guidance for multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) and adults (MIS-A)
- Updated guidance for primary series vaccination after SARS-CoV-2 infection

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) approved booster shots:

- Would be the third dose available for most children ages 5–11
- The fourth dose for immunocompromised children ages 5–11



## I-VAC PODCAST: BEYOND THE NEEDLE



### A PHYSICIAN'S GUIDE TO INCREASING COVID-19 VACCINATION RATES

Beyond the Needle is a podcast for and by physicians. You can sit down with primary care clinicians across the state as they tackle the real-world barriers to COVID-19 vaccination uptake and share experiences with implementation. Together, you'll uncover practical solutions to help you and your team incorporate the COVID-19 vaccine into your practice and increase vaccination rates amongst your patients.

This podcast honors the struggles and traumas of the pandemic, empowers primary care clinicians to feel confident in implementing COVID-19 vaccinations so that your patients can receive a vaccine within their usual site of care.

#### Topics we'll cover:

- ✓ Implementation Barriers
- ✓ Vaccine Hesitancy
- ✓ Special Populations
- ✓ Motivational Interviewing

#### LEARN MORE & LISTEN AT:

[illinoisvaccinates.com/podcasts](https://illinoisvaccinates.com/podcasts)

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# HELPING TEENS TALK WITH THEIR PARENTS ABOUT VACCINES

Supporting your teen/minor patients who want to be vaccinated, when their parents or guardians don't want them to be vaccinated can be complicated. ICAAP created a handout for teens and for clinicians on how to approach these conversations between healthcare provider and teen and teen and parent/guardian. We hope you find them useful.

[Download Handout for Teens](#)

[Download Tips for Clinicians](#)



## COVID-19 PRIORITIZATION PROJECT

### PROJECT BACKGROUND

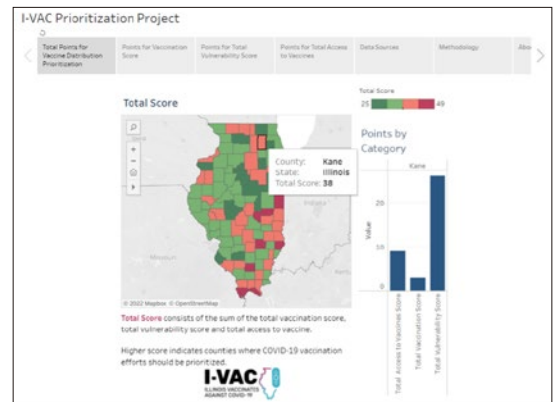
A key initiative of I-VAC is to identify areas of the state with lower COVID-19 vaccine coverage and performing targeted outreach and education in those areas. This led us to the I-VAC COVID-19 Prioritization Project. This data can inform priority areas for clinicians and healthcare organizations.

**Access the I-VAC  
Prioritization Project**

### VACCINE SCORES

For this project, we used several data sources and broke them into three distinct vaccine scores. These include a vaccination score, a vulnerability score, and an access score. The vaccination score measures vaccination rates in that county and includes % of the total population fully vaccinated, % 5–11-year-olds fully vaccinated, and % 12-17-year-olds fully vaccinated. The vulnerability score measures characteristics of the patient population based on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index and COVID-19 Community Vulnerability Index. The access score measures how accessible the COVID-19 vaccines are and includes the rate of primary care physicians, rate of certified pediatricians, and rate of locations that are currently providing the COVID-19 vaccines.

Then each variable was broken down into quartiles and given a score. Scores for each variable within the category were totaled to create a Total COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization Score. Counties with the highest scores should be prioritized for COVID-19 vaccine distribution and outreach efforts.



### DATA SOURCES

The sources for these data include IDPH, CDC, census.gov, countyhealthranking.org, and apb.org. You can find a detailed list of the sources and how they were used on the dashboard under the 'Data Sources' tab. The dashboard is being updated monthly.

**Vaccination score** Represents vaccination rates

Your county scored: (insert number in corresponding color)

Action items for Vaccination Score

- For lower scores (light and dark green)
  - Prepare communication and outreach materials for when additional age groups are eligible.
  - Utilize items and social media images created by I-VAC, available [here](#).
  - Be flexible in vaccine distribution models.
  - Respond rapidly to eligibility changes.
- For higher scores (orange and red), follow all the above plus:
  - Evaluate your institution's current recall/reminder strategies.
  - Ensure all communication messages and methods are effective and efficient.
    - Find tips and sample messages from the AAP [here](#).
  - Use culturally and linguistically appropriate and up-to-date images and information on outreach materials.
    - Utilize items and social media images created by I-VAC, available [here](#).
  - Use *motivational interviewing* to understand and not judge a patient's mistrust in the vaccine and answer any questions you can.

**We hope you will find this information helpful for supporting your COVID-19 vaccination programs!**



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