

# I-VAC

ILLINOIS VACCINATES  
AGAINST COVID-19

A project led by the Illinois Chapter  
of the American Academy of Pediatrics



## I-VAC NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

### MEASLES OUTBREAK CONTAINED

As of May 30, 2024, the Chicago/Northeast IL measles outbreak has been [declared contained](#). This determination was made with two full incubation periods for measles (42 days) having passed without any new cases.

A May 16, 2024 CDC [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) outlines the action steps taken by the Chicago Department of Public Health and others. The rapid vaccination response was the key driver in containing the outbreak.

In light of the outbreak ending, processes for reporting suspected measles cases are reverting back to [business as usual](#):

- Chicago providers should call CDPH at 312-743-9000 (select option 2) during business hours or 311 after hours or on weekends to report suspect measles cases and request testing.
- Illinois providers and facilities need to immediately report suspect measles cases to their local health department or to IDPH. If unable to reach their local health department after-hours, providers can call IEMA at 217-782-7860 to reach someone at IDPH.

**MMR vaccines should be given according to ACIP schedules (chart below).**

Dose 1



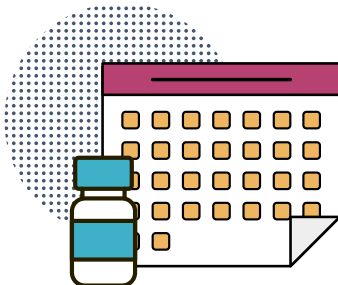
12 months



Dose 2



4-6 years



**For Infants under 12 months old who are traveling:**

- Get an early dose at 6 through 11 months.

**Follow the recommended schedule and get:**

- Another dose at 12 through 15 months.
- A final dose at 4 through 6 years.

More on this CDC guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/travel/index.html>

**Amazing work was accomplished to contain this outbreak – thank you to everyone who contributed and thank you to vaccines for making this possible.**



## VRBPAC MEETING UPDATES

The FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) voted on June 5 to recommend that COVID-19 vaccines be updated for the 2024/2025 respiratory virus season to improve the vaccines' effectiveness against currently dominant variants. The next steps will be determined at the ACIP meeting later this month and then will need to be authorized by the CDC. Learn more [here](#).



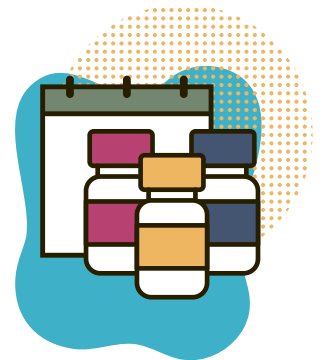
## PEDIATRICIAN CREDIBILITY SURVIVES WAVE OF HEALTH MISINFORMATION

Despite the rise of health misinformation, pediatricians maintain a high level of [trust](#) among their patients, according to a survey referenced by Elizabeth A. Gottschlich from the American Academy of Pediatrics. The survey, part of the [Pediatricians Life and Career Experience Study](#), indicates that most pediatricians are seen as credible sources of health information. It also explores the specific challenges they face with misinformation, particularly concerning vaccines and adolescent health issues, exacerbated by social media influences. The survey suggests incorporating discussions about misinformation into routine health checks to proactively combat misinformation and uphold public health.

## NAVIGATING COVID-19 THIS SUMMER

COVID-19 cases have declined since the winter and remain relatively low. However, wastewater surveillance programs suggest that viral activity may be [increasing](#). Variants continue to show an unpredictable pattern, making it more difficult for scientists to determine if or when COVID might start showing a more seasonal pattern. Here are some messages you can share with patients to navigate a summer COVID-19 surge:

- Get vaccinated! If you haven't received a COVID-19 vaccine in the past 9 months, you can still get one now.
- Monitor for the traditional COVID-19 symptoms: sneezing, congestion, headaches, sore muscles, nausea/vomiting, and fatigue. Test before gathering with high-risk loved ones or spending time indoors.
- Follow the CDC's guidelines for [preventing the spread of respiratory viruses](#).
- [Pemgarda](#) is a monoclonal antibody that can be used as pre-exposure prophylaxis for the prevention of COVID-19 in immunocompromised adolescents and adults 12 years and older. This does not replace vaccination.



Join us for a Virtual


# PANEL ON LONG COVID




Join us for a panel discussion on Long COVID, current and future research, and clinical best practices for supporting patients with Long COVID. Free CME/CE. Panelists:

- Ziyad Al-Ay, MD, FASN
- Hanieh Razzaghi, PhD, MPH
- Katrine L Wallace, PhD



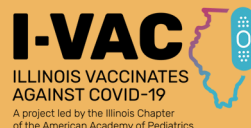
 **FRIDAY,  
JUNE 21, 2024**

 **12:00 TO  
1:30PM CT**

 **ZOOM**



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## BRIDGE ACCESS PROGRAM

The CDC's [Bridge Access Program](#) provides COVID-19 vaccines to adults 18 and older who are un- or underinsured. This program was intended to be temporary and support the transition of COVID-19 vaccines to the commercial market. The CDC announced it will end in August 2024, four months earlier than anticipated. Patients eligible for Bridge Access vaccines can and should still receive them through August.



## THIS IS THE LAST I-VAC NEWSLETTER

After nearly three productive and rewarding years, we are beginning to sunset the I-VAC program, as funding ends on June 30, 2024. This program would not have been possible without you. Thank you for engaging with this work and attending I-VAC events. Because of the work of so many dedicated clinicians, the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP), ECHO-Chicago, and the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, I-VAC was able to accomplish so much including:



Holding 16 bootcamp cohorts, reaching nearly 700 participants.



Creating a podcast by clinicians, for clinicians!



Hosting ECHO-Chicago learning collaboratives reaching over 150 organizations.

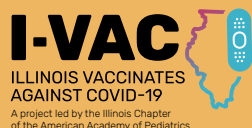


Distributing over 10,000 outreach materials ...and so much more.

COVID-19 isn't going away so on July 1, 2024, we're refreshing the [I-VAC website](#) to ensure our easy-to-use toolkits, clinical resources, and outreach materials stay available to you. We hope these materials will help your clinic continue to work to protect Illinoisians, educate your patients, and advocate for these life-saving vaccines.

We would like to thank the Illinois Department of Public Health for this opportunity and all the support along the way. IDPH staff and leadership allowed the vision of I-VAC to come true and we are forever grateful.

Please follow [@illinoisAAP](#) for all COVID-19 vaccine-related announcements and updates going forward.



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