

# Illinois Immunization Program

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

## OVERVIEW

The Illinois Immunization Program prevents the occurrence and transmission of diseases by distributing vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. The program also conducts surveillance/outbreak control of vaccine-preventable diseases, conducts assessment of vaccine coverage levels amongst target populations, implements the statewide immunization information system (ICARE registry), conducts provider quality compliance and assurance activities for the VFC program, implements the Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention program and collaborates with STD program to provide Hepatitis A and B vaccinations for high-risk individuals.

## WHO IS SERVED?

### *Population(s)/Age Group:*

Children ages 0-18 are served by the program.

### *Eligibility Criteria and Screening Tools:*

Vaccines for Children Program: Free vaccines are provided for children birth to 18 years of age who are Medicaid-eligible, uninsured, Native American or Alaskan Native through a participating VFC provider. Children who are under-insured must receive VFC services through Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Rural Health Center or a local health department.

## HOW ARE SERVICES DELIVERED?

### *Local Service System:*

Eligible community members can access the Illinois Vaccines for Children Program through local health departments and participating medical centers.

### *Referrals into Program:*

Individuals learn about the program from community promotion and provider and consumer education on the benefits of the program.

### *Data Systems Used:*

All participating VFC providers utilize the statewide immunization registry system (ICARE) to record vaccinations given and monitor immunization coverage levels. Data from the National Immunization Survey (NIS) data is also used by the program

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