August is National Immunization Awareness Month and the month that most children and adolescents in Illinois will be starting or returning to school. ICAAP is happy to share information and resources with you to help support immunizations during this time. In a toolkit available here, you will find:

- Social media images and messages to use during this month
- Patient handouts
- Tips for vaccine outreach
- Isolation and quarantine guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health and Chicago Public Schools, and more

Download Toolkit
Upcoming Events:

**Back to School**
(ICAAP Immunization Webinar Series 2022)

Back-to-school immunizations webinar with Dr. Marielle Fricchione on Tuesday, August 16th at 12PM.
Register here today!

**Lead Poisoning Prevention for Children Webinar**

Thursday, August 25, 2022, Noon-1pm with Dr. Helen Binns, MD, MPH the Director of Lead Evaluation Program at Lurie Children’s Hospital will be presenting. The presentation will explore the harmful impact of lead on children, the decline in childhood blood testing during the pandemic, and how screening can aid in prevention.
Register here!

**COVID-19 Vaccine Bootcamp**

COVID-19 vaccine on Friday, September 23rd from 8AM-12:15PM.
Register here today!

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**Trusted Messengers:**

A recent [Kaiser Family Foundation poll](https://www.kff.org/health-reform/issuebrief/parent-hesitancy-vaccination/) found that the top concerns of why parents are hesitant to get their child vaccinated against COVID-19 include not enough information about the vaccine, concern over side effects, and belief that the vaccine is not necessary. As a trusted messenger for vaccine information, you play a vital role in dispelling misinformation, answering patient’s questions, and increasing vaccine confidence. Yet, 70% of parents of children ages 6 months - 4 years have not spoken to their pediatrician about vaccinating their child. Do not wait for vaccine-only appointments – bring up vaccines and boosters at every appointment. August and September are a great time to implement this practice, as many children are coming in for back-to-school appointments.

**Monkeypox:**

In a news release dated 7/26/22, the AAP shared: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released new guidance on recognizing and caring for children and adolescents with monkeypox. The agency’s new guidance covers prevention, symptoms, management, treatment, vaccines, infection control and breastfeeding.

“Pediatricians should know about monkeypox, be prepared to answer parents’ questions but recognize that it’s incredibly rare,” said Kristina Bryant, M.D., FAAP, a member of the AAP Committee on Infectious Diseases.

**Vaccine Updates Corner:**

1. **Novavax** is now available and helps fill the vaccination gap for unvaccinated adults desiring to receive a vaccine based on traditional (protein-based) technology. Similar to other available vaccines, Novavax is a 2-dose series separated by 3-8 weeks, and carries efficacy of 90.4% (78.6% in 65ys+).

2. There are plans to create an independent division which would lead the nation’s future pandemic response. The [Administration of Strategic Preparedness and Response](https://aspr.hhs.gov/) (ASPR) will be phased in over two years and aim to coordinate the nation’s response to health emergencies.

3. There is ongoing work by Moderna and Pfizer to accelerate the development and production of a re-tooled fall booster containing Omicron subvariants, at the urging of the FDA. Should the re-tooled vaccination become available with sufficient scale by mid-September or early October, that may circumvent the need for expanding second boosters to adults under age 50 with the current vaccine.
COVID-19 Vaccinator Hero Award
ICAAP would like to recognize and celebrate the amazing pediatric teams across the state that have been doing incredible work around COVID-19 vaccine administration. This month, please join us in congratulating the staff at Naperville Pediatric Associates for giving over 5,000 doses since December 2020!
Thank you for all your hard work!

New Resources

From I-VAC
COVID-19 Dosing and Scheduling Charts

Modern:  
- Non-Immunocompromised
- Immunocompromised

Pfizer:  
- Non-Immunocompromised
- Immunocompromised

Janssen & Novavax
- Download Chart

From ICAAP (Illustrated by Ink Factory)
Infographic “COVID-19 Vaccines: Safe for You & Baby”
- English
- Spanish

From ICAAP
How to Hold Your Little One During Vaccination
- English
- Spanish

From ICAAP and Partners
Making Vaccines Easier for Babies/Toddlers
- English
- Spanish

Guide to Accessible Vaccine Clinics
The Autism Society of America released its Guide to Accessible Vaccine Clinics. This includes helpful tips & links for vaccination providers who serve neurodiverse patients, including those with autism. Thanks to immunize.org for sharing!