

# VACCINE SYSTEM FACT SHEET



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## I-CARE

*Illinois Comprehensive  
Automated Immunization  
Registry Exchange*



### What is it?

- A web-based immunization record-sharing application developed by IDPH
- Allows public and private healthcare providers to share immunization records of Illinois residents with other physicians statewide

### Main features include:

- Calculation of immunization due dates
- Automatic population and printing options for school physical form and patient immunization history report
- Remind/recall feature to track and notify patients of due dates.
- Vaccine inventory feature to track vaccine usage by lot number.



Required for disbursement of any vaccines provided through the **Bridge Access Program** and **Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program**

Information and forms for enrollment in I-CARE:

[Available here](#)

Click here for additional Resources:

[Resources](#)

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## BRIDGE ACCESS PROGRAM

### What is it?



Provides no-cost COVID-19 vaccines to adults *without health insurance and adults whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs*. COVID-19 vaccines will be available through this program **until December 31, 2024**

For adults 18 years and older without health insurance or if their health insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs. Children who are underinsured or uninsured can get vaccines through the VFC program.

### DOES NOT

provide access to therapeutics or testing



### DOES

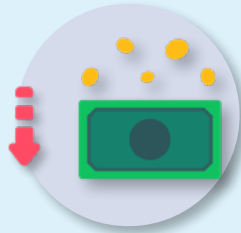
COVERS ALL

COVID-19 VACCINES



Be sure to register on [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) so your community members can find you!

[Learn more about the Program here](#)



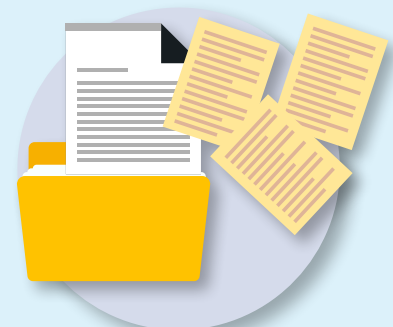
## What is it?

Federally funded program sponsored by the CDC to provide vaccines for free to children who otherwise may not be vaccinated due to inability to pay



Children through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following criteria may be eligible to receive VFC vaccines:

- ✓ **Enrolled in Medicaid**
- ✓ **Not insured:** A child who has no health insurance coverage
- ✓ **American Indian or Alaska Native:** As defined by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603).
- ✓ **Under-insured:** A child who has commercial (private) health insurance but the coverage does not include vaccines; a child whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (VFC-eligible for non-covered vaccines only); or a child whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount. Once that coverage amount is reached, the child is categorized as under-insured. Under-insured children are eligible to receive VFC vaccine only through a Federally Qualified Health Center, Rural Health Clinic, or deputized local health departments.
- ✓ **All Illinois VFC providers must provide individual patient immunization records on how each VFC vaccine was administered.** The individual patient immunization records can either be manually entered directly into I-CARE or can be electronically transmitted to I-CARE from the provider's electronic medical record (EMR) system.



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**Information about VFC:**

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