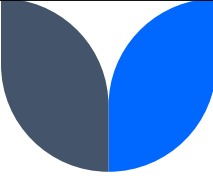




**Family Childcare and Covid-19 Vaccination**




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- The Covid-19 vaccination can be a sensitive topic to participants. Please help support us in creating a welcoming and safe virtual classroom environment.



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**Agenda**

- Learn current information from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about Covid-19 statistical evidence in Illinois and the Covid-19 vaccination
- Comprehend the benefits of children receiving the Covid-19 vaccination
- Practice how to address the necessity of the Covid-19 vaccination with families in your program or care
- Discover resources for childcare providers and families



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### Overview

The Covid-19 vaccination was approved and released to children in 2021 and now children as young as 6 months can receive the Covid-19 vaccine. To ensure children and childcare providers are in a healthy and safe environment, it is essential for children to be vaccinated. Family childcare providers should encourage parents regarding the need and benefits of children receiving the Covid-19 vaccination. In this training, we will address key points for childcare providers to assist their families with being receptive in receiving the Covid-19 vaccination.



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### Rise of COVID Variants and Other Flu Virus

- COVID – [hospitalizations rising](#), booster uptake remains low (despite being very effective)
- Flu – [worst flu season in 13 years](#) with [growing inequities](#) in flu vaccine uptake and hospitalizations.
- RSV – significant spikes in cases that are [overwhelming Children's hospitals](#).
- See the CDC's resource on protecting yourself from [COVID](#), [the flu](#), and [RSV](#).



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### COVID-19 Statistics

Data Last Updated: 10/7/2022

Total Cases 3,773,667	Weekly Case Rate 90 per 100k
Deaths 35,073	Probable Deaths 4,704

On September 1, 2021, IDPH adopted the updated 2021 COVID-19 national case definition. As part of this case definition, IDPH began including in its total case counts individuals who...

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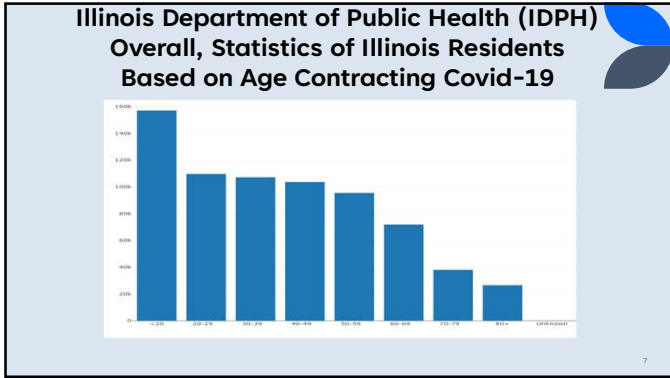
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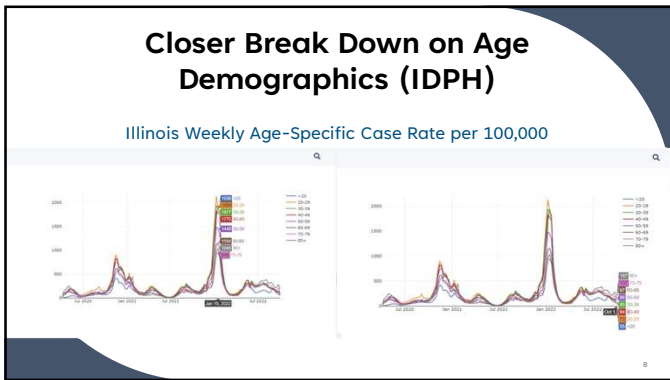
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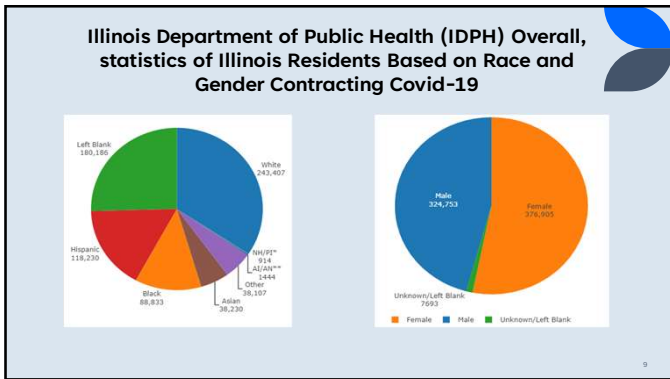
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## Poll Questions

- Facilitator, please Launch the Poll Questions
- Participants, please answer the following questions on your screen or enter your responses in the chat

1. Are you a licensed exempt childcare provider or licensed childcare provider?
2. Have any of the children in your care received the Covid-19 vaccination?
3. Do you have any type health check policy in your program?
4. Do you want the children in your care to be Covid-19 vaccinated?



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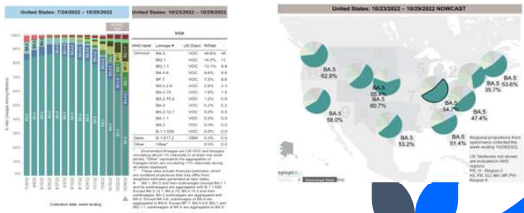
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## Most Common COVID Variant- Omnicron BA.5 & BQ.1



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## Flu Activity and Vaccine

**This Flu Season:**

- The cumulative hospitalization rate is higher than the rate in week 45 during every previous flu season since 2010-2011
- CDC estimates that so far there have been at least 1,400,000 illnesses, 13,000 hospitalizations, and 730 deaths from the flu

**Flu Vaccine Uptake**

- 21.2% of adults have already received a vaccine this season, similar to this time last year
- 24.8% of children have already received a vaccine this season, similar to this time last year

**Need to Address Inequities**

During the 2021-2022 season, flu vaccination coverage was:

- 54% among White and Asian adults
- 42% among Black adults
- 38% among Hispanic adults
- 41% among AI/AN\* adults

Compared to White adults, hospitalization rates from 2009-2022 were nearly:

- 80% higher among Black adults
- 30% higher among AI/AN adults
- 20% higher among Hispanic adults

Sources: \*U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report, CDC, November 4, 2022  
 • Weekly Flu Vaccination Dashboard, CDC, November 4, 2022  
 • Inequities Found in Flu Vaccine Uptake, CDC, October 18, 2022  
 \*American Indian/Alaska Native

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## Children and COVID-19



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## Impact of Covid-19 with Children

Just like adults, children can:

- Get very sick from COVID-19
- Have both short- and long-term health problems
- Spread COVID-19 to others

There is no way to tell in advance how children will be affected by COVID-19. Those with underlying medical conditions or who have a weakened immune system are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19. Some examples of conditions that can make children more likely to get severe COVID-19 include:

- Asthma or chronic lung disease
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Sickle cell disease

However, those without underlying medical conditions can also experience severe illness and be hospitalized. In fact, approximately 1 in 3 children younger than 18 years old hospitalized with COVID-19 have no underlying conditions. -CDC Website 2022

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## What if Children in my Care Already Contracted Covid-19?

Children Have Already Had COVID-19 Should Still Get Vaccinated!

Ongoing study of data show evidence that people can get added protection by getting vaccinated after having been infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. Even if a child has had COVID-19, they should still get vaccinated. For children who have been infected with COVID-19, their next dose can be **delayed 3 months** from when symptoms started or, if they did not have symptoms, when they received a positive test. This possible delay can happen with a primary dose or a booster dose. -CDC website 2022



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## Children and Covid-19 Vax Benefits

- COVID-19 vaccination is an important tool to help protect **everyone 6 months and older** from COVID-19 and its complications. Children 5 years and older can receive booster vaccine shots.
- Children who get COVID-19 can get very sick, can require treatment in a hospital, and in rare situations, can even die. The benefit of getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a safer, more reliable way to build protection than risking the potentially serious consequences of getting sick with COVID-19. After getting COVID-19, children and teens can also experience a wide range of new, returning, or ongoing health problems. Getting eligible children vaccinated can help prevent them from getting really sick even if they do get infected and help prevent serious short- and long-term complications of COVID-19.
- Vaccinating children can also give parents greater confidence in their children participating in childcare, school, and other activities.

CDC Webpage 2022 16

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## Children and Covid-19 Vax Benefits



- Children and staff who are up to date with their state required vaccinations and the Covid-19 vaccination will have better chances of not getting sick and putting your program, your family, and the children's family at risk.
- The children's family will feel secured knowing there will be a lesser chance of a Covid-19 outbreak. This will allow parents to go to work or school and children will be in a stable and healthier environment.

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## Helpful Activities for Young Children

- Childcare providers can incorporate in their daily routine (for example: circle time) to talk about children receiving shots from their pediatrician or pharmacy.
- Children can practice role playing a doctor's visit. This will lower the child's fear of receiving shots.
- As well childcare providers can support parents to find activities from home to demonstrate a doctor's visit.





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### How do we Address this to Parents with Children in our Care?



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### White Board Activity

- What are your concerns of asking parents to have their child vaccinated?
- What strategies have you brainstormed about informing parents regarding the benefits of children receiving the Covid-19 vaccination?



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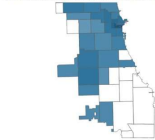
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### Covid Vaccine Coverage 2021

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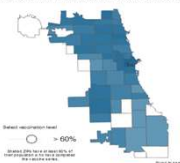
% of population with completed vaccine series (5+)



Select vaccination level  
○ > 60%

Chicago-November 4, 2021

% of population with completed vaccine series (5+)



Select vaccination level

○ > 60%

Map of Chicago

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## Break Out Rooms Role Play

Set Up Break Out Rooms:

Role Play Scenario

1. Set up roles (childcare provider can be 1-2 participants, and parent 1-2 participants, 1 note taker)
2. Role Play Scenario: Family childcare provider is encouraging an undecided parent about the covid-19 vaccination for their 5-year-old, and SCENE!
3. Note Take: Record your observations and document what talking points/strategies worked. Discuss this with your group.



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## COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence

Vaccine confidence is the belief that vaccines:

- Work
- Are safe
- Are part of a trustworthy medical system



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## COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence



Here's what you can do:

- Help people become confident in their decision to get themselves or their children vaccinated** by taking time to listen to their concerns and answer their questions.
- Share the reasons why you and your children were vaccinated.** You can have a powerful influence on your family and community.
- Talk to parents/children as they may be afraid of needles.** Provide and read books to children about going to the doctor.



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**Bust Common Myths and Learn the Facts (CDC)**

**MYTH: The ingredients in COVID-19 vaccines are dangerous.**  
**FACT:** Nearly all the ingredients in COVID-19 vaccines are also ingredients in many foods – fats, sugars, and salts.

**MYTH: The natural immunity I get from being sick with COVID-19 is better than the immunity I get from COVID-19 vaccination.**  
**FACT:** Getting a COVID-19 vaccination is a safer and more dependable way to build immunity to COVID-19 than getting sick with COVID-19.

**MYTH: COVID-19 vaccines cause variants.**  
**FACT:** COVID-19 vaccines do not create or cause variants of the virus that causes COVID-19. Instead, COVID-19 vaccines can help prevent new variants from emerging.

**MYTH: COVID-19 vaccines contain microchips.**  
**FACT:** COVID-19 vaccines do not contain microchips. Vaccines are developed to fight against disease and are not administered to track your movement.

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**Where can Families Receive Covid-19 Vaccination?**

- Family primary pediatrician
- Can schedule an appointment or walk in
- Walgreens Link: [COVID-19 Vaccine & Booster – Information & Records | Walgreens](#)
- CVS Link: [COVID Vaccine – Schedule a COVID-19 Vaccine | CVS Pharmacy](#)
- Jewel Osco Pharmacy: [COVID Vaccines and COVID Boosters Near Me | Jewel-Osco \(jewelosco.com\)](#)

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## Informational Websites



- **World Health Organization:** [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Vaccines](#) (who.int)
- **Centers for Disease Control & Prevention:** [Vaccines for COVID-19](#) | CDC
- **Illinois Department of Public Health:** [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (illinois.gov)
- **Department of Children and Family Services:** [Results - Search](#) (illinois.gov)

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



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Thank You: "If kids come to us from strong, healthy, functioning families, it makes our job easier. If they do not come to us from strong, healthy, functioning families, it makes our job more important." ~ *Barbara Colorose*



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