

Illinois Vaccinates Against COVID-19 or I-VAC is a statewide, healthcare provider-focused program to support the expansion of COVID-19 vaccine administration into routine patient care workflows in primary care settings, hospital urgent care centers, and upon hospital discharge. I-VAC helps ensure all Illinoisians have access to COVID-19 vaccines and healthcare providers are prepared to immunize all eligible age-groups and special at-risk populations. I-VAC entails:

COVID-19 Vaccine Bootcamps: Web-based and offered live once a week, for four weeks. Multiple cohorts are scheduled throughout 2022. Topics will include:

- Foundational knowledge and skills related to COVID-19 vaccine administration and distribution (I-CARE, working with local health departments, etc.)
- Handling and preparation of COVID-19 vaccines, including pediatric doses
- Post-vaccine process
- Strategies for overcoming vaccine hesitancy through culturally and linguistically appropriate methods
- How to use data to support vaccine uptake

Learning Collaborative Sessions: Led by ECHO-Chicago, one-hour learning collaborative sessions offered bi-weekly on an ongoing basis. Sessions will focus on the practical issues of COVID-19 vaccine implementation, providing a forum for healthcare providers to engage with peers and subject matter experts to help solve the real-world challenges. There are learning collaborative groups tailored to providers serving different patient populations, i.e., children and adolescents, adults, and pregnant women. Healthcare providers can attend as schedules allow or when additional guidance or technical support is needed.

One on one implementation support, culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach materials, and a do-it-yourself toolkit for integrating COVID-19 vaccines into clinical workflows.

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