

Date: July 26, 2021
To: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers
From: Jessica Schultz, VFC Program Manager
Re: 2021 VFC Program Re-enrollment

On behalf of the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), thank you for your participation in the Iowa Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. The VFC Program requires health care providers to re-enroll annually. As part of the annual re-enrollment process, providers need to complete the Provider Enrollment Form and the VFC Patient Activity Chart in the Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS).

Re-enrollment will be completed using IRIS beginning July 26, 2021. Directions to complete re-enrollment can be found [here](#). The step-by-step instructions will assist with the completion of the VFC Program's Provider Enrollment Form.

Required Provider Training

As part of re-enrollment, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires participating VFC program providers (primary vaccine coordinator and backup vaccine coordinator) to complete annual training. Completion of the CDC web-based modules, *You Call the Shots*, will satisfy this training requirement. The training is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html>. The two modules listed below are required prior to completing the re-enrollment process:

1. [Vaccine Storage and Handling-Jan 2021](#)
2. [Vaccines for Children \(VFC\)-Jan 2021](#)

Continuing education credit and certificates of completion are available through the CDC upon completion of the modules.

The Iowa VFC Program requirements vary slightly from the CDC *You Call the Shots* modules. One example is the Iowa VFC program requirement for twice daily temperature documentation. Refer to the [2019-20 VFC Operations Guide](#) for all Iowa program requirements.

Please complete the VFC re-enrollment process and required trainings by **August 9, 2021**. Failure to complete the re-enrollment process by the due date will result in suspension from the VFC Program, and the inability to place VFC vaccine orders in IRIS.

If you have questions regarding the VFC Program re-enrollment process, contact Jessica Schultz at Jessica.Schultz@idph.iowa.gov or 1-800-831-6293, ext. 4, or email iowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov.