

## Protecting and Improving the Health of Iowans

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**Date:** July 11, 2022

**To:** Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers

From: Jessica Schultz, VFC Program Manager

Re: 2022 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. Re-enrollment consists of:

- 1. Completing the VFC Re-Enrollment Form in the Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS), and
- 2. Completing required provider training.

Re-enrollment will be completed using IRIS beginning July 11, 2022. Directions to complete re-enrollment can be found <a href="https://exemplete.com/here">here.</a>. Only IRIS Admin users have access to complete VFC re-enrollment in IRIS. To add additional Admin Users, complete the <a href="https://exemplete.com/lens/1815">IRIS Site Enrollment Form</a>, which can be found under the Forms tab of IRIS, and send the completed form to the lowa Immunization Program staff as indicated in the upper right corner of the 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 <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html</a>. The two modules listed below are required prior to completing the re-enrollment process:

- 1. Vaccine Storage and Handling-Jan 2022
- 2. Vaccines for Children (VFC)-Jan 2022

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 <u>2021-22 VFC</u> <u>Operations Guide</u> for all Iowa program requirements.

Please complete the VFC re-enrollment process and required trainings by **July 22, 2022**. 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 lowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov.