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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Health Department Offering 2023-2024 Updated COVID-19 Vaccine for Eligible Children

DuPage County – Earlier this week, the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) began offering the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine to eligible children in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

Children who are VFC eligible include those children: 1) who do not have insurance, 2) with insurance that does not cover immunizations, or 3) who are Medicaid eligible.

Questions about the availability of specific childhood vaccines or clinic schedules should be directed to DCHD at 630-682-7400.

For additional providers who offer vaccines through the VFC Program, please visit the [VFC Provider Search](#).

“Updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines are a safe and effective way to prevent COVID-19 and keep kids healthy,” said Adam Forker, Executive Director, DuPage County Health Department. “The updated vaccine more closely targets current COVID-19 variants. The purpose of these vaccines is to save lives and prevent severe disease. They can also reduce the risk of Long COVID.”

The [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) recommend updated COVID-19 vaccines for everyone age 6 months and older. The vaccine equips your child's immune system to recognize and resist the virus. This helps to prevent serious disease and hospitalization from COVID-19.

Individuals with private insurance who are interested in an updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine this fall should connect with their healthcare provider or local retail pharmacy.

For those without health insurance or whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccination costs, visit www.vaccines.gov to find a Bridge Access program vaccine provider near you.

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