

# I-VAC

ILLINOIS VACCINATES  
AGAINST COVID-19



## I-VAC NEWSLETTER

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### VACCINE UPDATES CORNER:



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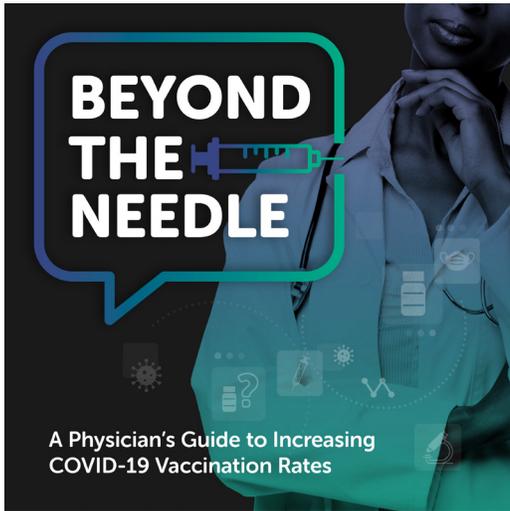
[Novavax](#) is now available and helps fill the vaccination gap for unvaccinated adults desiring to receive a vaccine based on traditional (protein-based) technology. Similar to other available vaccines, Novavax is a 2-dose series separated by 3-8 weeks, and carries efficacy of 90.4% (78.6% in 65ys+).

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There are plans to create an independent division which would lead the nation's future pandemic response. The [Administration of Strategic Preparedness and Response](#) (ASPR) will be phased in over two years and aim to coordinate the nation's response to health emergencies.

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There is ongoing work by Moderna and Pfizer to accelerate the development and production of a [re-tooled fall booster](#) containing Omicron subvariants, at the urging of the FDA. Should the re-tooled vaccination become available with sufficient scale by mid-September or early October, that may circumvent the need for expanding second boosters to adults under age 50 with the current vaccine.



## BEYOND THE NEEDLE PODCAST

[MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING PART 2 – UNDERSTANDING & ADDRESSING VACCINE HESITANCY](#) is out now. In part 2 of this two-part podcast, Mustafa Alavi, MD and Christina Wells, MD, MPH, FAAFP continue their discussion with Rachel Caskey, MD, MA and Amy Christison, MD. They explain major factors that influence vaccine hesitancy and ways to apply motivational interviewing techniques to address these concerns. EARN CME CREDITS FOR EACH EPISODE! .50 credits available.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### LEARNING COLLABORATIVES

August 10 (Adult Populations):  
[Register on Zoom](#)

August 16 (Pediatric Populations):  
[Register on Zoom](#)

August 24 (Adult Populations):  
[Register on Zoom](#)

### OFFICE HOURS

August 19

August 25

August 31

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### COVID-19 VACCINE BOOTCAMP

Friday, September 23rd from  
8AM-12:15PM.

[Register here today!](#)



## TRUSTED MESSENGERS

A recent [Kaiser Family Foundation poll](#) found that the top concerns of why parents are hesitant to get their child vaccinated against COVID-19 include not enough information about the vaccine, concern over side effects, and belief that the vaccine is not necessary. As a trusted messenger for vaccine information, you play a vital role in dispelling misinformation, answering patient's questions, and increasing vaccine confidence. Yet, 70% of parents of children ages 6 months - 4 years have *not* spoken to their pediatrician about vaccinating their child. Do not wait for vaccine-only appointments – bring up vaccines and boosters at every appointment. August and September are a great time to implement this practice, as many children are coming in for back-to school appointments.

