

# CCDPH School Health Information

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# Agenda

- CCDPH Contact Information
- Communicable Disease Updates
- Health Resources



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# Contact CCDPH

## Webinar Related Questions/General Questions

- CCDPH Healthy Cook General Email: [healthycook@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:healthycook@cookcountyhhs.org)

## Line Lists/Reporting Communicable Diseases/Metrics Questions

- CCDPH Communicable Disease Reporting Email: [ccdph\\_schools@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:ccdph_schools@cookcountyhhs.org)
- **CCDPH Website:** <https://cookcountypublichealth.org/>
- **CCDPH School Page:** [School Health - Cook County Department of Public Health \(cookcountypublichealth.org\)](https://cookcountypublichealth.org/school-health)
- **Asthma and Allergy Resources for Suburban Cook Schools**
  - Website Link: <https://cookcountypublichealth.org/school-asthma-allergy-resources/>
  - [School Request for Undesignated Medication Prescription and Standing Order](#)
- **CCDPH COVID-19 Vaccine Website:** [vaccine.cookcountyil.gov](https://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov)



# Communicable Disease Updates



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# Communicable Diseases

## About Pertussis (Whooping Cough)



### What is pertussis?

Pertussis, or whooping cough, is a highly contagious respiratory illness that can cause serious and sometimes deadly complications in babies and young children.

Babies and children who haven't had all recommended whooping cough vaccines are more likely to experience serious complications that could require hospitalization.



**1 in 3**

babies under 1 year old will be hospitalized for pertussis.

### How is pertussis spread?



Pertussis is spread through coughing and sneezing. Some people have less severe symptoms, don't realize that they have pertussis, and unknowingly spread it to others.

Many babies who get whooping cough are accidentally infected by older siblings, parents, or caregivers.

### What are the symptoms of pertussis?

Symptoms usually appear 5-10 days after exposure, but can take up to 21 days to appear.

Early pertussis symptoms in the first two weeks are often similar to the common cold and can include:

- Runny or stuffed-up nose
- Low-grade fever (less than 100.4°F)
- Mild, occasional cough

Later symptoms could last from one to six weeks and include:

- Severe coughing fits, particularly at night
- Making a high-pitched "whoop" after a coughing fit
- Vomiting after coughing



## About Pertussis (continued)

### How is pertussis treated?

- Healthcare providers usually treat whooping cough with antibiotics.
- People who come into close contact with someone suffering from pertussis should also receive antibiotics.

**Note:** Patients should remain home while receiving antibiotics for pertussis.

### How can I protect my family and community?

- Arrange for yearly medical checkups for your child.
- Get the recommended vaccinations.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often.
- Stay home from work or school if sick.

### People of all ages need whooping cough vaccines.



DTaP For young children	Tdap For preteens	Tdap For pregnant women	Tdap For adults
✓ 2, 4, and 6 months ✓ 15 through 18 months ✓ 4 through 10 years	✓ 11 through 12 years	✓ During the 27-36th week of each pregnancy	✓ Anytime for those who have never received it
<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/whoopingcough">www.cdc.gov/whoopingcough</a> 			

**Parents:** If you believe your child or other members of your household has pertussis, contact your doctor immediately.

**Medical providers:** Report possible pertussis cases within 24 hours to Cook County Department of Public Health at 708-836-8699.

### Learn more about:

- Pertussis: [bit.ly/about-pertussis](http://bit.ly/about-pertussis)
- All recommended vaccines: [boostupcookcounty.com](http://boostupcookcounty.com)



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# Health Information and Resources



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# CCDPH – Nursing

- Vision and Hearing Screening Program
  - As of September 2024, CCDPH has restarted the screening program for hearing and vision of preschool children ages 3-5 years old. The application is available on CCDPH's website at [Vision and Hearing Screening - Cook County Department of Public Health](#).
  - All screenings are conducted by a certified technician that has been trained by the Illinois Department of Public Health.
  - Our program conducts comprehensive vision and hearing screening for preschool children ages 3-5 years old within the suburban communities of Cook County in all public, private and parochial schools.
    - Screening services include the identification, testing, evaluation, and follow up services
    - Provide necessary referral services based on the evaluation results
  - Our goal for the upcoming FY 2025-2026 is to included the school age children grades kindergarten, first, second and eighth grades for hearing and vision screenings.
  - For any additional questions, please contact us at [visionandhearing@cookcountyhealth.org](mailto:visionandhearing@cookcountyhealth.org)





# CCDPH Asthma and Allergy Resources for Suburban Cook Schools

- **Overview:** CCDPH has updated our school request process for undesignated medication (epinephrine/asthma) prescription and standing orders to make it more efficient for school nurses.
- **What's New**
- CCDPH webpage with additional resources: <https://cookcountypublichealth.org/school-asthma-allergy-resources/>
- New online school request form: [School Request for Undesignated Medication Prescription and Standing Order](#)
- Submit all questions to our NEW email address: [CCDPHUndesignatedMedication@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:CCDPHUndesignatedMedication@cookcountyhhs.org)





# Naloxone Requests

## Naloxone Requests through CCDPH

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Opioid Health Educator, Community Behavioral Health Unit

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Naloxone Request Form: <https://bit.ly/neednaloxone>



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# Suicide Prevention Training



ECHO Chicago is hosting free suicide prevention training for Illinois school support personnel, for self-paced online course. Register by December 31, 2024

[Register](#)



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# CCDPH Free COVID-19 and Flu Vaccination Clinics

CCDPH is offering children (6 months +) and adults Free COVID-19 and flu vaccines, regardless of insurance coverage. **Select Saturdays from October 19 - February 22, 2025, 8AM to 4PM**

- Walk-ins welcome, no appointment necessary
- Resource coordination and referrals available
- Bring a form of I.D. and insurance card (**Note: insurance is not required**)
  - A person's immigration status will not stop them from receiving immunizations.
- Clinic Locations:
  - Arlington Heights
  - Blue Island
  - Ford Heights
  - North Riverside
  - Robbins

For more information email: [healthycook@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:healthycook@cookcountyhhs.org)


[Free COVID-19 and Flu Vaccination Clinics - Cook County Department of Public Health \(cookcountypublichealth.org\)](https://www.cookcountypublichealth.org)



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**SATURDAYS  
8AM-4PM**

**OCTOBER 19, 2024—  
FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS  
BLUE ISLAND  
COTTAGE GROVE  
NORTH RIVERSIDE  
ROBBINS

**FREE COVID & FLU  
VACCINATIONS**

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EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF INSURANCE • AGES 6 MONTHS & OLDER

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Healthcare and Family Services

10/14/24

**SATURDAYS, 8AM-4PM** 10/19/24 – 02/22/25

**Fall & Winter Vaccination Clinics**

LOCATIONS & DATES

<b>NORTH SUBURBS</b>	<b>Arlington Heights Health Center</b>	11/09/24
	3250 N. Arlington Heights Rd., #300	12/28/24
	Arlington Heights, IL 60004	01/25/25 02/22/25
<b>WEST SUBURBS</b>	<b>North Riverside Health Center</b>	11/16/24
	1800 South Harlem Ave., Suite A	12/21/24
	North Riverside, IL 60546	01/18/25
<b>SOUTH SUBURBS</b>	<b>Blue Island Health Center</b>	10/19/24
	12757 South Western Ave.	12/07/24
	Blue Island, IL 60406	02/01/25
	<b>Cottage Grove Health Center</b>	10/26/24
	1645 South Cottage Grove Ave.	11/23/24
	Ford Heights, IL 60401	12/14/24 01/11/25 02/08/25
<b>Robbins Health Center</b>	13450 South Kedzie Ave.	10/19/24
	Robbins, IL 60472	11/02/24
		01/04/25 02/15/25



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# Free Vaping Education for Students and Parents



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Respiratory Health Association provides e-cigarette and vaping education for students, staff and parents at no cost to schools in Chicago and the Chicagoland area. For more information or to schedule a program, email Opeyemi Oduyungbo at [oodu@resphealth.org](mailto:oodu@resphealth.org) or call 312-628-0227



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# Cook County Safety Action Plan

CCDPH is supporting development of the Cook County Safety Action Plan, which is part of a regionwide initiative called [Safe Travel for All](#). Safe Travel for All aims to reduce and eliminate serious injuries and deaths on northeastern Illinois' roads. Whether you drive, bike, walk, or use public transit, we would like to hear from YOU about traffic safety issues in your community. Click on the button below to take their [survey](#), check out the community events [calendar](#), drop a pin on the [Safety Hotspots Map](#), and sign up to receive [email updates](#).



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# Scholarship and Youth program opportunities

- **Scholarship Opportunities: George M. Pullman Educational Foundation Scholarship**
- The Pullman Educational Foundation selects high school seniors from across Cook County for college scholarships. The application deadline is 1/31/2025.
- <https://www.pullmanfoundation.org/>
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- **Varsity Tutors' NO-COST Platform Access**
- Varsity Tutors' NO-COST Platform Access will be available until 6/30/2030 to enrich educational offerings and support student's academic journey.
- For more information contact Keven Brown, [keven.brown@varsitytutors](mailto:keven.brown@varsitytutors)
- **Teen Volunteer Opportunities for Oak Lawn residents.** Learn more here: [Teen Programs | Oak Lawn Public Library](#)



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# Events



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# Partner Events

- **Aunt Martha's Events**
- Parent Support Series  
December 19, 2024, 5:30pm-7pm  
23485 Western Ave, Park Forest, IL  
Food and giveaways available  
Contact: Kelly Werner, [kwerner@auntmarthas.org](mailto:kwerner@auntmarthas.org) or Ericka Leonard Whorton, [eleonard@auntmarthas.org](mailto:eleonard@auntmarthas.org)
- Winter Holiday Meal Drive-Up  
December 20, 2024, 11am-1pm  
Chicago Heights Family Health Center  
500 Dixie Hwy, Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Contact: Kelly Werner, [kwerner@auntmarthas.org](mailto:kwerner@auntmarthas.org), 708-679-8140
- **Riverdale Library Winter Coat Giveaway**  
Saturday, January 4, 2025-10:30am-1:45pm  
[Learn more here](#)



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# Next Meeting Details

- **Register for the next school health meeting here:** [January School Health Meeting](#)
- Topic Ideas for School Health Webinar Matters can be submitted by 12/30/24
- All Webinars are being recorded and will be uploaded to our [Website](#) and CCDPH's [YouTube Page](#)



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