

# Pediatric and Adult Influenza Recommendations 2023-2024 Season

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# Pediatric and Adult Influenza Update Objectives

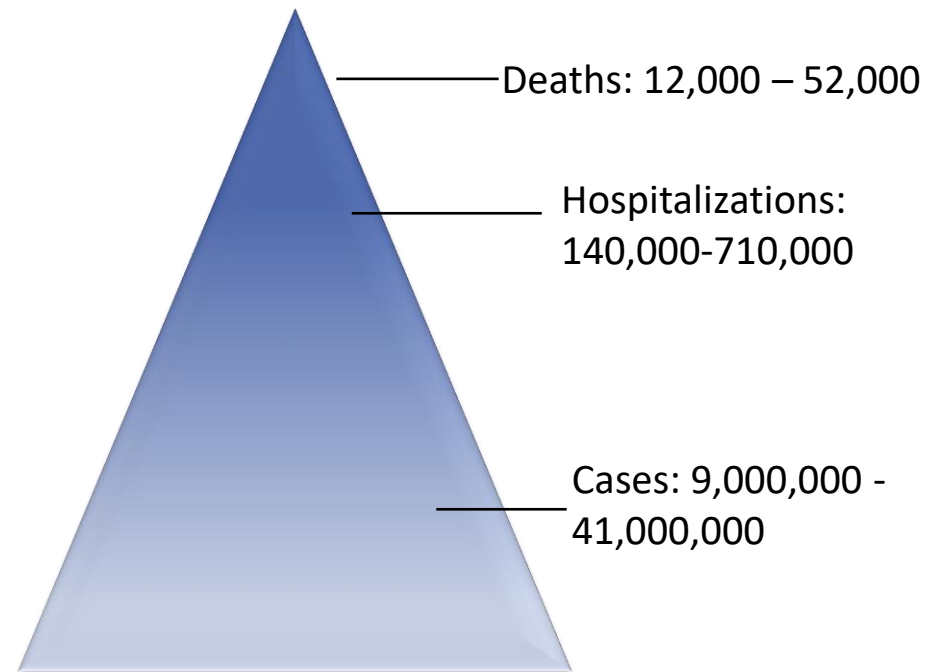
- Discuss influenza disease rates, surveillance, and vaccine coverage levels
- Discuss influenza vaccine recommendations
- Identify strategies to improve influenza vaccination rates



# Influenza Disease Burden

- Difficult to predict severity and timing
- Rates of serious illness and death are greatest in:
  - Persons aged 65 years and older
  - Children less than 5 years, especially children less than 2 years of age
  - Persons with medical conditions that put them at high risk
- Only half develop classic clinical flu symptoms
- 5 categories of surveillance: viral, mortality, hospitalization, geographic spread, and outpatient influenza-like illness (ILINet)<sup>2</sup>
  - We need more ILINet providers!
  - For more information email, [DoeblerM@michigan.gov](mailto:DoeblerM@michigan.gov)

National Estimated Range of Annual Burden of Influenza- U.S. 2010-2020<sup>1</sup>



1. [www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/index.html)

2. [www.michigan.gov/flu/0,6720,7-321-101694-121722--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/flu/0,6720,7-321-101694-121722--,00.html)

# Influenza-Associated Pediatric Deaths

- Became nationally reportable in 2004 for people younger than 18 years of age
- Total influenza-associated pediatric deaths in the U.S. by season are listed in the table below:

Seasons	Total Deaths
2019-20	199
2020-21	1
2021-22	49
2022-23	177

- “Influenza-Associated Pediatric Deaths in the United States, 2010–2016<sup>2</sup>”
  - Published February 2018
  - Average annual number: 113
    - Highest incident rate among children less than 6 months (0.66 per 100,000)
  - 65% died within a week of symptom onset
  - Half had no pre-existing medical conditions
  - Only 31% of children 6 months and older had received any flu vaccinations

1. [www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm#ILIMap](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm#ILIMap)

2. <https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/141/4/e20172918>

# 2023-2024 Influenza Vaccination Strains

- Egg-based IIV4s and LAIV4

- **A/Victoria/4897/2022 (H1N1) pdm09-like**
- A/Darwin/9/2021 (H3N2)-like
- B/Austria/1359417/2021 (Victoria lineage)-like
- B/Phuket/3073/2013 (Yamagata lineage)-like

- Cell-culture-based IIV4 and RIV4

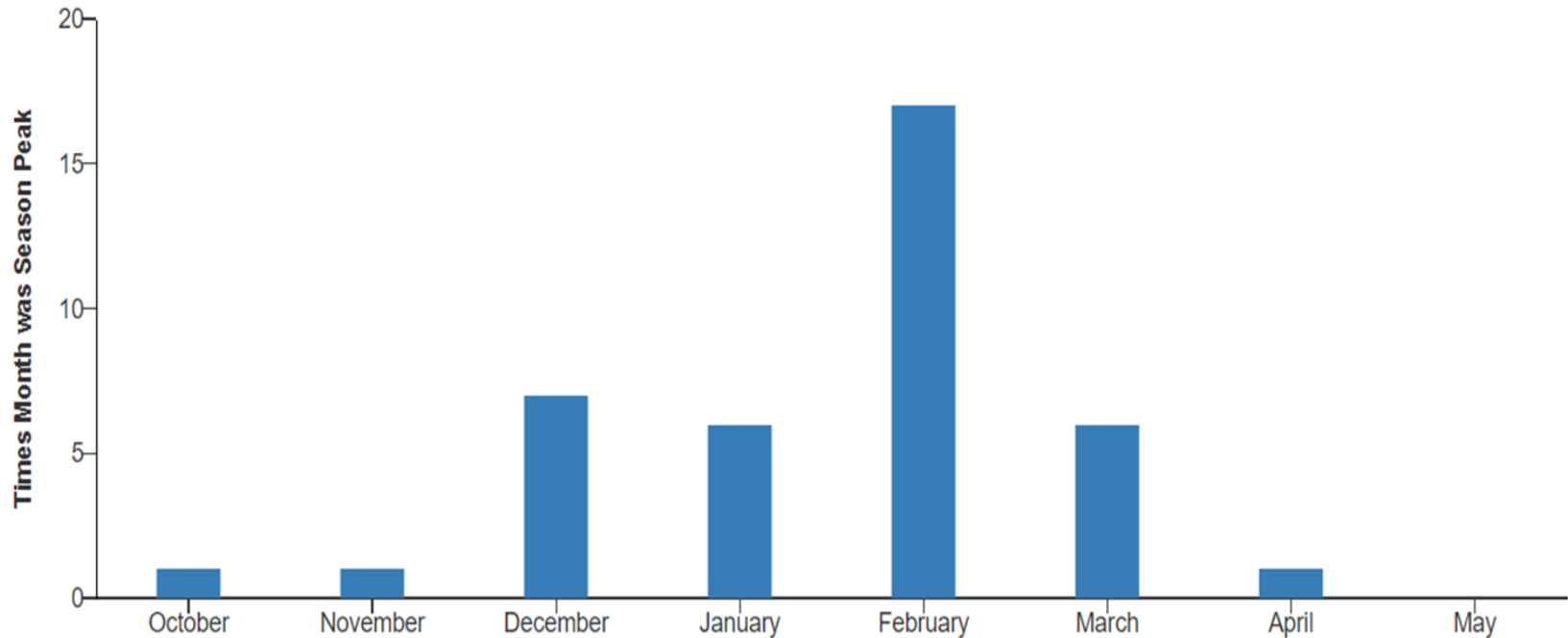
- **A/Wisconsin/67/2022 (H1N1) pdm09-like**
- A/Darwin/6/2021 (H3N2)-like
- B/Austria/1359417/2021 (Victoria lineage)-like
- B/Phuket/3073/2013 (Yamagata lineage)-like

**Red type denotes change compared to 2022-2023**

Recommended composition of influenza virus vaccines for use in the 2023-2024 northern hemisphere influenza season (who.int)

# Flu Season Timing

Flu activity peak months in the U.S. from the 1982-1983 through 2021-2022 flu seasons\*



\* There was no discernible peak in activity during the 2020-2021 season due to the uncharacteristically low level of influenza virus circulation that season.

[www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm)

# 2023-2024 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Recommendations

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# 2023-2024 Influenza Recommendations

## Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2023–24 Influenza Season

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### Summary

*This report updates the 2022–23 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) concerning the use of seasonal influenza vaccines in the United States (MMWR Recomm Rep 2022;71 [No. RR-1]:1–28). Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged ≥6 months who do not have contraindications. All seasonal influenza vaccines expected to be available in the United States for the 2023–24 season are quadrivalent, containing hemagglutinin (HA) derived from one influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 virus, one influenza A(H3N2) virus, one influenza B/Victoria lineage virus, and one influenza B/Yamagata lineage virus. Inactivated influenza vaccines (IIV4s), recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV4), and live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV4) are expected to be available.*

*For most persons who need only 1 dose of influenza vaccine for the season, vaccination should ideally be offered during September or October. However, vaccination should continue after October and throughout the season as long as influenza viruses are circulating and unexpired vaccine is available. Influenza vaccines might be available as early as July or August, but for most adults (particularly adults aged ≥65 years) and for pregnant persons in the first or second trimester, vaccination during July and August should be avoided unless there is concern that vaccination later in the season might not be possible. Certain children aged 6 months through 8 years need 2 doses; these children should receive the first dose as soon as possible after vaccine is available, including during July and August. Vaccination during July and August can be considered for children of any age who need only 1 dose for the season and for pregnant persons who are in the third trimester during these months if vaccine is available.*

*ACIP recommends that all persons aged ≥6 months who do not have contraindications receive a licensed and age-appropriate seasonal influenza vaccine. With the exception of vaccination for adults aged ≥65 years, ACIP makes no preferential recommendation for a specific vaccine when more than one licensed, recommended, and age-appropriate vaccine is available. ACIP recommends that adults aged ≥65 years preferentially receive any one of the following higher dose or adjuvanted influenza vaccines: quadrivalent high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine (HD-IIV4), quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV4), or quadrivalent adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine (aIIV4). If none of these three vaccines is available at an opportunity for vaccine administration, then any other age-appropriate influenza vaccine should be used.*

*Primary updates to this report include the following two topics: 1) the composition of 2023–24 U.S. seasonal influenza vaccines and 2) updated recommendations regarding influenza vaccination of persons with egg allergy. First, the composition of 2023–24 U.S. influenza vaccines includes an update to the influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 component. U.S.-licensed influenza vaccines will contain HA derived from 1) an influenza A/Victoria/4897/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus (for egg-based vaccines) or an influenza A/Wisconsin/67/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus (for cell culture-based and recombinant vaccines); 2) an influenza A/Darwin/9/2021 (H3N2)-like virus (for egg-based vaccines) or an influenza A/Darwin/6/2021 (H3N2)-like virus (for cell culture-based and recombinant vaccines); 3) an influenza B/Austria/1359417/2021 (Victoria lineage)-like virus; and 4) an influenza B/Phuket/3073/2013 (Yamagata lineage)-like virus. Second, ACIP recommends that all persons aged ≥6 months with egg allergy should receive influenza vaccine. Any influenza vaccine (egg based or nonegg based) that is otherwise appropriate for the recipient's age and health status can be used. It is no longer recommended that persons who have had an allergic reaction to egg involving symptoms other than urticaria should be vaccinated in an inpatient or outpatient medical setting supervised by a health care provider who is able to recognize and manage severe allergic reactions if an egg-based vaccine is used. Egg allergy alone necessitates no additional safety measures for influenza vaccination beyond those recommended for any recipient of any vaccine,*

*regardless of severity of previous reaction to egg. All vaccines should be administered in settings in which personnel and equipment needed for rapid recognition and treatment of acute hypersensitivity reactions are available.*

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[Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2023–24 Influenza Season | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](#)

# Core Influenza Vaccine Recommendations



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- Recommended for all person's aged 6 months and older who do not have contraindications
- With the exception of vaccination for adults 65 years and older, no preferential recommendation is made for one flu vaccine product over another when more than one licensed, recommended, and age-appropriate product is available
- Vaccinate close contacts of those at high risk to provide another layer of protection including
  - Health Care Personnel (HCP)
  - Parents/Caretakers of infants less than 6 months of age
- Continue to ensure that persons at higher risk for influenza related complications are vaccinated

# Timing of Flu Vaccination

- ACIP recommends that flu vaccination be offered by the end of October
- Children aged 6 months through 8 years who need 2 doses should receive their 1st dose ASAP after vaccine becomes available to allow the 2nd dose to be received ideally by the end of October
  - Minimum interval between doses: 4 weeks
  - If both doses haven't been received by the end of October, still complete the 2-dose series
- Children of any age needing 1 dose this season, should also ideally be vaccinated by the end of October. Vaccination of these children can occur as soon as vaccine is available, as there is less evidence to suggest waning immunity among children compared with adults
- For non-pregnant adults, influenza vaccination during July and August should be avoided unless there is concern that later vaccination might not be possible

# Timing of Flu Vaccination, Cont.

- Pregnant Persons in First or Second Trimester
  - Waiting to vaccinate until September or October is preferable, unless there is concern that later vaccination might not be possible
- Pregnant Persons in Third Trimester
  - Vaccination soon after vaccine becomes available (July/August) can be considered for pregnant persons during the third trimester, as vaccination of pregnant persons has been shown to reduce risk of influenza illness of their infant during the first months of life

# Timing of Flu Vaccination, Cont.

Likelihood of persistence of vaccine-induced protection through the season

Avoiding missed opportunities to vaccinate, or vaccinating after onset of flu circulation occurs



- Continue to vaccinate as long as flu viruses are circulating, and unexpired vaccine is available
- No recommendation is made for revaccination (i.e., providing a booster dose) later in the season for persons who have already been fully vaccinated

# Types of Influenza Vaccine Available in 2023-2024 Season

- Main Influenza vaccine types:
  - IIV4=inactivated influenza vaccine, quadrivalent
  - RIV4=recombinant influenza vaccine, quadrivalent
  - LAIV4=live attenuated influenza vaccine, quadrivalent
- Prefixes are used when necessary to refer to some specific IIVs
  - a=adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine quadrivalent (aIIV4)
  - cc=cell culture-based inactivated influenza vaccine quadrivalent (ccIIV4)
  - HD=high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine quadrivalent (HD-IIV4)
- Numerals following the letter abbreviations indicate the number of flu strains represented in the vaccine
  - All influenza vaccines available in the U.S. for the 2023-2024 season are quadrivalent



# A Look At IIV4

## IIV4<sup>1</sup>

**Flu Strains:** 2 A, 2 B

**Product Type:** Egg-based, standard-dose (SD), unadjuvanted

**Age Indication:** 6 months and older

**Route:** IM (Intramuscularly)

For persons who are healthy, have any underlying medical conditions, or who are pregnant

<sup>1</sup>Inactivated influenza vaccines labeled for IM administration **must** be given IM; if not dose must be repeated.

“Quick Look at Inactivated Influenza Vaccines (Quadrivalent): IIV4, High-Dose IIV4 (HD-IIV4), and Adjuvanted IIV4 (aIIV4), 2023-24”: at [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu)

# A Look at HD-IIV4 and aIIV4

HD-IIV4 (Fluzone <sup>®</sup> High-Dose Quadrivalent)	aIIV4 (Fluad <sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent)
<b>Flu Strains:</b> 2 A, 2 B	
<b>Route:</b> Give intramuscularly (IM)	
<b>Age Indication:</b> 65 years and older	
Has 4x more antigen than SD flu vaccine	Adjuvant (MF59) added to create stronger immune response
For persons who are healthy or have any underlying medical conditions	

Age indication varies by flu vaccine product; triple check the vaccine you are using before administering  
Inactivated influenza vaccines labeled for IM administration **must** be given IM; if not dose must be repeated.

“Quick Look at Inactivated Influenza Vaccines (Quadrivalent): IIV4, High-Dose IIV4 (HD-IIV4), and Adjuvanted IIV4 (aIIV4), 2023-24” at [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu)



# A Look at cclIV4 and RIV4

<b>cclIV4</b> <b>(Flucelvax® Quadrivalent)</b>	<b>RIV4</b> <b>(Flublok® Quadrivalent)</b>
<b>Flu Strains: 2 A, 2 B</b>	
<b>Route: Give intramuscularly (IM)</b>	
<b>Age: 6 months</b> and older	<b>Age: 18 years</b> and older
Produced in a mammalian cell line	Produced in an insect cell line
For persons who are healthy, have any underlying medical conditions, or who are pregnant	

“Quick Look at 2023-24 Cell Culture-based Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Quadrivalent): cclIV4 2023-24” and “Quick Look at Recombinant Influenza Vaccine (Quadrivalent): RIV4, 2023-24”:

[www.Michigan.gov/flu](http://www.Michigan.gov/flu)

# A Look at LAIV4

## **LAIV4 (FluMist<sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent)**

**Flu Strains: 2 A, 2 B**

**Route:** Administered intranasally (IN/NAS)

**Age Indication:** 2-49 years (healthy, not pregnant)

Remember: Do not miss an opportunity to vaccinate, use any age-appropriate flu vaccine that is available!

“Quick Look at Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (Quadrivalent): LAIV4, 2023-24”,  
at [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu)

# Influenza vaccination for persons 65 years and older

- ACIP recommends that adults aged 65 years and older preferentially receive any one of the following higher dose or adjuvanted influenza vaccines:
  - Quadrivalent high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine (HD-IIV4),
  - Quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV4), or
  - Quadrivalent adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine (aIIV4)
- If none of these three vaccines are available at an opportunity for vaccine administration, then any other age-appropriate influenza vaccine should be administered

# 2023-24 Flu Vaccine Presentation Chart

- Lists flu vaccine products, brand names, age indications, product presentations
- Multi-dose vials:
  - Afluria: once stopper has been pierced, discard vial after 28 days or 20 needle punctures to the vial, whichever comes first
  - Fluzone: max 10 doses can be withdrawn (even if 0.25 mL doses)
  - Flucelvax: use up until exp. date

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Seasonal Influenza Vaccines 2023-2024			
Use the Correct Product and Presentation Based on the Patient's Age and Status			
Vaccine Type <sup>1</sup>	Brand	Presentation	Age Indication <sup>2</sup>
<b>QUADRIVALENT</b>			
IIV4	Fluarix <sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent (GlaxoSmithKline)	Prefilled 0.5 mL syringe	6 months & older <sup>2</sup>
IIV4	FluLaval <sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent (GlaxoSmithKline)	Prefilled 0.5 mL syringe	6 months & older <sup>2</sup>
IIV4	Fluzone <sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur)	5.0 mL multi-dose vial <sup>4</sup>	6 through 35 months (0.25 or 0.5 mL) <sup>2</sup>
		Prefilled 0.5 mL syringe	3 years & older (0.5 mL)
		0.5 mL single-dose vial	6 months & older <sup>2</sup>
IIV4	Afluria <sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent (Seqirus)	5.0 mL multi-dose vial <sup>4,5</sup>	6 through 35 months (0.25mL) <sup>2</sup>
		Prefilled 0.5 mL syringe	3 years & older (0.5 mL)
			3 years & older
LAIV4	FluMist <sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent (AstraZeneca)	Prefilled 0.2 mL single-use intranasal sprayer	2 through 49 years if healthy and not pregnant persons
cIIIV4	Flucelvax <sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent (Seqirus)	Prefilled 0.5 mL syringe	6 months & older <sup>2</sup>
		5.0 mL multi-dose vial <sup>4</sup>	6 months & older (0.5 mL) <sup>2</sup>
RIV4 <sup>6</sup>	Flublok <sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur)	Prefilled 0.5 mL syringe	18 years & older
HD-IIV4 <sup>6</sup>	Fluzone <sup>®</sup> High-Dose (Sanofi Pasteur)	Prefilled 0.7 mL syringe <sup>2</sup>	65 years & older
allIV4 <sup>6</sup>	Fluad <sup>®3</sup> Quadrivalent (Seqirus)	Prefilled 0.5 mL syringe	65 years & older

Available VFC presentations are listed above in gray boxes.

<sup>1</sup>Abbreviations: Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (IIV4), Adjuvanted (allIV4), High-Dose (HD-IIV4), Cell Culture-based (cIIIV4), Recombinant Influenza Vaccine (RIV4); Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV4). Numbers indicate number of flu virus antigens.

<sup>2</sup>Dose volume for **standard-dose IIV** is based on **age and flu vaccine** product. For 3 years and older, dose volume is **0.5 mL regardless** of flu vaccine product (exception: **Fluzone High-Dose** the correct volume is **0.7 mL**). Dose volume for IIV4 vaccines for children aged 6-35 months: **0.25 mL** per dose of **Afluria**; **0.5 mL** per dose for **Fluarix** and **FluLaval**; **either 0.25 mL per dose or 0.5 mL per dose of Fluzone**. No preference is expressed for either Fluzone dose volume for this age group. Dose volume of cIIIV4 vaccine for children aged 6 months and older: 0.5 mL per dose of Flucelvax. See "2023-24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Dose Volumes for Children" at [www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals](http://www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals).

<sup>3</sup>Fluad includes the adjuvant MF59C.1.

<sup>4</sup>Per the package inserts, for Afluria Quadrivalent, "once the stopper of the multi-dose vial has been pierced the vial must be discarded within 28 days. The number of needle punctures should not exceed 20 per multi-dose vial." For Fluzone Quadrivalent, "a maximum of 10 doses can be withdrawn from the multi-dose vial," even if drawing out 0.25 mL doses. A Flucelvax Quadrivalent multi-dose vial may be used up until the expiration date.

<sup>5</sup>Afluria is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for intramuscular administration with a PharmaJet<sup>®</sup> Stratis<sup>®</sup> Needle-Free Injection System for persons aged 18 through 64 years.

<sup>6</sup>ACIP recommends that adults aged 65 years and older preferentially receive any one of the following: HD-IIV4, RIV4, or allIV4. If none of these three vaccines are available at an opportunity for vaccine administration, then any other age-appropriate influenza vaccine should be administered.

Use this chart to help prevent errors. Highlight the flu vaccine(s) you have in your storage unit and know the age indications. Ensure you give the correct vaccine at the correct dose volume to the correct person based on age. For 2-dose recommendations, see "Who Needs 2 Doses of 2023-24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine?" at [www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals](http://www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals). Refer to [Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2023–24 Influenza Season 1. MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/6109a1.htm), located at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/flu.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/flu.html). For additional information regarding flu and flu vaccination, refer to [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu), [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines), or [www.cdc.gov/mmwr](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr).

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# Flu Vaccine Guidance for Use in Children

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PEDIATRIC DOSE VOLUMES

NUMBER OF DOSES NEEDED IN 2023-2024 SEASON

# Influenza Vaccine Dose Volumes

- Five IIV4 products are approved for persons 6 months and older
- For 6-35 months, dose volume depends on the flu vaccine product that is administered

If You're Using This Vaccine...	Dose Volume for Ages 6-35 Months
Afluria (Seqirus)	<b>0.25 mL</b> per dose
Fluarix, FluLaval (GSK), or Flucelvax (Seqirus)	<b>0.5 mL</b> per dose
Fluzone (Sanofi Pasteur)	<b>0.25 mL OR 0.5 mL</b> per dose *No preference is expressed for either dose volume

For children aged 3 years and older, dose volume for SD-IIV **0.5 mL** regardless of the flu vaccine product being administered

# Influenza Vaccine Dose Volumes, Cont.

- Prevent flu vaccine administration errors in children-review guidance document
- For IIV4 the needed volume for a child aged 6-35 months may be administered from a manufacturer supplied prefilled syringe, a single-dose vial, or multi-dose vial
  - If 0.25 mL is used from a Fluzone Quadrivalent 0.5 mL single-dose vial, then the 0.25 mL remaining in the single-dose vial must be discarded

## 2023-24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Dose Volumes for Children

Everyone aged 6 months and older should receive flu vaccine every year.

Flu vaccine dose volume is based on the person's **age and the flu vaccine product** that is used.<sup>1</sup> Among vaccine errors reported between June 2020 and December 2021, wrong vaccine (24%) and wrong age (13%) were listed as numbers 1 and 3 of the most frequent types of vaccine events other than those related to COVID-19 vaccines. Wrong age and associated wrong dose errors occurred frequently between age-related formulations of influenza vaccines (31%).<sup>2</sup> It is important to prevent flu vaccine administration errors to ensure children are adequately protected against flu.

For children aged **6 through 35 months**, flu vaccine dose volume is **dependent on the product that is administered**. There are multiple licensed inactivated influenza vaccines, quadrivalent (IIV4) available for children aged 6 through 35 months: Afluria<sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent, FluLaval<sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent, Fluarix<sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent, and Fluzone<sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent. The cell cultured-based inactivated influenza vaccine (cIIV4) is available for persons aged 6 months and older (Flucelvax<sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent).

If You're Using This Vaccine (IIV4)... <sup>1</sup>	Dose Volume for Ages 6-35 Months
Afluria (Seqirus)	<b>0.25 mL per dose</b>
Fluarix or FluLaval (GSK)	<b>0.5 mL per dose</b>
Fluzone (Sanofi Pasteur)	<b>0.25 mL OR 0.5 mL per dose</b> *No preference is expressed for either dose volume.
If You're Using This Vaccine (cIIV4)... <sup>1</sup>	Dose Volume for Ages 6-35 Months
Flucelvax (Seqirus)	<b>0.5mL per dose</b>

Refer to the Flu Vaccine Presentation Chart<sup>1</sup> for available presentations of each of these vaccines.

**For children aged 3 years and older, dose volume for standard-dose IIV is 0.5 mL regardless of the flu vaccine product being administered.**

If 2 doses of 2023-24 flu vaccine are needed<sup>3</sup>, the same vaccine product **does not** need to be used for both doses. Use any age-appropriate flu vaccine that is available that day, ensuring you use the correct dose volume for the product you are administering.

Don't miss an opportunity to vaccinate! Dose volume is based on the child's age on the day of vaccine administration. For example:

- If a child is aged **2 years and 11 months** for dose 1, use the above table to determine dose volume based on the **IIV/cIIV product used**.
- When the child returns 4 weeks later for dose 2 and is **now aged 3 years**, the dose volume is **0.5 mL** regardless of the IIV/cIIV product used.

For IIV, the needed volume for a child aged 6 through 35 months may be administered from a prefilled syringe containing the appropriate volume (as supplied by the manufacturer), a single-dose vial, or a multi-dose vial.

Further Guidance on Fluzone Quadrivalent:

- NOTE: Fluzone Quadrivalent is approved for children aged 6 through 35 months at either 0.25 mL or 0.5 mL per dose.
- The 0.25 mL dose of Fluzone Quadrivalent is only available in a multi-dose vial.

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syringe of per dose.

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# 2-Dose Recommendation for Children 6 months-8 years

- # of doses needed is based on child's age at time of 1<sup>st</sup> dose of 2023-24 flu vaccine and # of doses of flu vaccine received in previous seasons
- Assess how many seasonal flu vaccines (i.e., trivalent, quadrivalent) received before **7/1/2023**
  - If 2 or more doses: give 1 dose this season
  - If only 1 dose or has NEVER received flu vaccine: **give 2 doses this season** (separate by 4 weeks)
- 2 doses do not need to be from the same season or consecutive seasons, need to be spaced at least 4 weeks apart
- Give 1<sup>st</sup> dose as soon as possible after vaccine is available so 2<sup>nd</sup> dose can be received by end of October
- If the child turns 9 years between dose 1 and dose 2, still give dose 2

Who Needs 2 Doses of 2023-24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine?

**2023-24 Pediatric 2-Dose Algorithm for Children Aged 6 Months through 8 Years**

Did the child receive 2 or more total doses\* of trivalent or quadrivalent influenza vaccine at least 4 weeks apart before July 1, 2023?

Yes → Give 1 dose of 2023-24 flu vaccine

No/Not Sure → Give 2 doses of 2023-24 flu vaccine\*\*

\*Doses do not need to have been administered in the same season or consecutive seasons  
\*\*Minimum interval between the 2 doses is 4 weeks

**Points to consider for the 2023-24 Influenza Season**

- All persons aged 6 months and older without contraindications need at least 1 dose of 2023-24 flu vaccine
- Determination of the number of doses needed is based on the child's age at the time of the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of 2023-24 flu vaccine and the number of doses of flu vaccine received in previous flu seasons
- Children aged 6 months through 8 years need 2 doses of flu vaccine during their 1<sup>st</sup> season of vaccination
- Children aged 6 months through 8 years who received 2 or more total doses of any trivalent or quadrivalent flu vaccine (e.g., IIV3, IIV4, LAIV3, LAIV4, cclIV3, cclIV4) a minimum of 4 weeks apart before July 1, 2023, only need 1 dose of 2023-24 flu vaccine
- If a child has not received at least 2 trivalent or quadrivalent flu vaccines before July 1, 2023, or their flu vaccination history is unknown, give 2 doses of 2023-24 flu vaccine separated by 4 weeks
  - Give the 1<sup>st</sup> dose as soon as possible after vaccine becomes available to allow the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose to be received by the end of October
  - The same vaccine product does not need to be used for both doses; use any age-appropriate flu vaccine that is available that day (and ensure you use the correct dose volume, see box below)
  - Two doses are recommended **even if the child turns age 9 years between receipt of dose 1 and dose 2**
- When assessing a child's flu vaccine history to determine if 1 or 2 doses are needed, only review flu vaccine doses given prior to July 1, 2023 (i.e., do not include doses received during the 2023-24 flu season)
- Acronyms: Inactivated Influenza Vaccine, trivalent (IIV3) and quadrivalent (IIV4); cell culture based IIV, trivalent (cclIV3) and quadrivalent (cclIV4); Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine, trivalent (LAIV3) and quadrivalent (LAIV4); **NOTE:** not all these presentations<sup>1</sup> are available in 2023-24

Remember dose volume for **standard-dose injectable IIV4** is based on **age and flu vaccine product**<sup>2</sup>:

- Dose volume for children aged 3 years and older is 0.5 mL **regardless of flu vaccine product**
- Dose volume of IIV4 vaccines for children aged 6-35 months: 0.25 mL per dose of Afluria<sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent; 0.5 mL per dose for Fluarix<sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent, and Flulaval<sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent; **either 0.25 mL per dose or 0.5 mL per dose** of Fluzone<sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent. No preference is expressed for either Fluzone dose volume for this age group.
- Dose volume of cclIV4 vaccine for children aged 6 months and older: 0.5 mL per dose of Flucelexvax<sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent.

<sup>1</sup>For more information on available flu vaccine presentations, refer to "2023-24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Presentation Chart" at [www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals](http://www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals).

<sup>2</sup>For more information on pediatric flu vaccine dose volume, refer to "2023-24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Dose Volumes for Children" at [www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals](http://www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals). Refer to [Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2023–24 Influenza Season Recommendations and Reports / August 25, 2023 / 72\(2\):1–25](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6907a1.htm), for more information on the importance of getting flu vaccination, especially for children.

[www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu) → Resources → Resources for Health Professionals

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MCIR is programmed for 2-dose assessment. Use MCIR and be sure to put doses into MCIR!



# Flu Vaccine and Pregnancy

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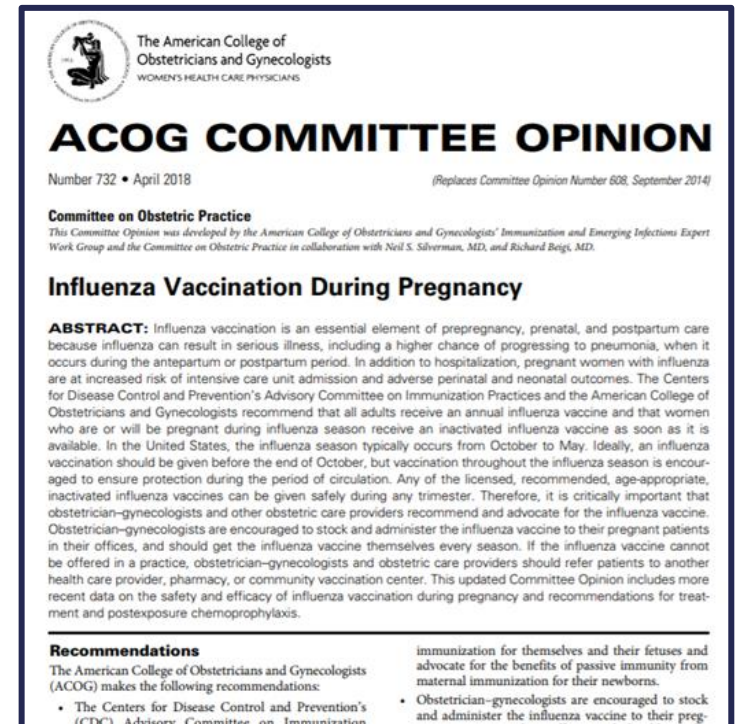
# Pregnancy Flu Vaccine Recommendation

- Pregnant and postpartum persons have been observed to be at higher risk for severe illness and complications from flu, particularly during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> trimesters
- Flu vaccination during pregnancy lowers risk of flu hospitalization in pregnant persons by average 40%, in babies less than 6 months old by average 72%
- ACIP and ACOG recommend that:
  - All persons who are pregnant or who might be pregnant or postpartum during the flu season receive flu vaccine
  - Any licensed, recommended, and age-appropriate IIV or RIV4 may be used (**LAIV4 should not be used during pregnancy**)
  - Administer at any time during pregnancy, before and during the flu season

1. [Influenza Vaccination During Pregnancy \(acog.org\)](https://www.acog.org)

2. [Low Rates of Vaccination During Pregnancy Leave Moms, Babies Unprotected \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov)

3. [Flu & Pregnancy | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov)



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## ACOG COMMITTEE OPINION

Number 732 • April 2018 (Replaces Committee Opinion Number 608, September 2014)

**Committee on Obstetric Practice**  
*This Committee Opinion was developed by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' Immunization and Emerging Infections Expert Work Group and the Committee on Obstetric Practice in collaboration with Neil S. Silverman, MD, and Richard Beigi, MD.*

### Influenza Vaccination During Pregnancy

**ABSTRACT:** Influenza vaccination is an essential element of prepregnancy, prenatal, and postpartum care because influenza can result in serious illness, including a higher chance of progressing to pneumonia, when it occurs during the antepartum or postpartum period. In addition to hospitalization, pregnant women with influenza are at increased risk of intensive care unit admission and adverse perinatal and neonatal outcomes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommend that all adults receive an annual influenza vaccine and that women who are or will be pregnant during influenza season receive an inactivated influenza vaccine as soon as it is available. In the United States, the influenza season typically occurs from October to May. Ideally, an influenza vaccination should be given before the end of October, but vaccination throughout the influenza season is encouraged to ensure protection during the period of circulation. Any of the licensed, recommended, age-appropriate, inactivated influenza vaccines can be given safely during any trimester. Therefore, it is critically important that obstetrician-gynecologists and other obstetric care providers recommend and advocate for the influenza vaccine. Obstetrician-gynecologists are encouraged to stock and administer the influenza vaccine to their pregnant patients in their offices, and should get the influenza vaccine themselves every season. If the influenza vaccine cannot be offered in a practice, obstetrician-gynecologists and obstetric care providers should refer patients to another health care provider, pharmacy, or community vaccination center. This updated Committee Opinion includes more recent data on the safety and efficacy of influenza vaccination during pregnancy and recommendations for treatment and postexposure chemoprophylaxis.

**Recommendations**  
The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) makes the following recommendations:

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization

immunization for themselves and their fetuses and advocate for the benefits of passive immunity from maternal immunization for their newborns.

- Obstetrician-gynecologists are encouraged to stock and administer the influenza vaccine to their preg-

# Influenza Vaccination Administration

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SCREENING FOR VACCINATION

EGG ALLERGY

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# Screening for Contraindications and Precautions

- Screen for contraindications and precautions every time vaccines are indicated
- Use a standardized form
- Help prevent vaccine errors
- Follow only valid contraindications and precautions
- Document any permanent or temporary contraindications/precautions in the chart/EMR

## Information for Healthcare Professionals about the Screening Checklist for Contraindications to Injectable Influenza Vaccination (IIV4 or RIV4)

Are you interested in knowing why we included a certain question on the screening checklist? If so, read the information below. If you want to find out even more, consult the "Note" below.

NOTE: For supporting documentation on the answers given below, go to the ACIP-vaccine recommendation found at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/flu.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/flu.html). For supporting documentation on updates to the 2023-2024 season recommendations, in advance of publication of the full ACIP statement in MMWR, see the June 29 CDC policy statement at: [www.cdc.gov/flu/uptodate/2022-2023/flu-vaccination-recommendations-adopted.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/uptodate/2022-2023/flu-vaccination-recommendations-adopted.htm).

component of cIIV4 is a contraindication to future use of cIIV4. For RIV4, history of a severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any RIV4 or any component of RIV4 is a contraindication to future use of RIV4.

Fever, malaise, myalgia, and other systemic symptoms most often affect people who are first-time vaccinees. These local reactions

## Screening Checklist for Contraindications to Injectable Influenza Vaccination

PATIENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

For patients (both children and adults) to be vaccinated: The following questions will help us determine if there is any reason we should not give you or your child inactivated injectable influenza vaccination today. If you answer "yes" to any question, it does not necessarily mean you (or your child) should not be vaccinated. It just means additional questions must be asked. If a question is not clear, please ask your healthcare provider to explain it.

1. Is the person to be vaccinated sick today?
2. Does the person to be vaccinated have an allergy to any ingredient of the influenza vaccine?
3. Has the person to be vaccinated ever had a serious reaction to influenza vaccine in the past?
4. Has the person to be vaccinated ever had a severe allergic reaction to any component of the influenza vaccine?
5. Has the person to be vaccinated ever had Guillain-Barré syndrome?
6. Is the person to be vaccinated anxious or claustrophobic?

FORM COMPLETED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Screening Checklist for Contraindications to Live Attenuated Intranasal Influenza Vaccination

PATIENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

For use with people age 2 through 49 years: The following questions will help us determine if there is any reason we should not give you or your child live attenuated intranasal influenza vaccine, quadrivalent (LAIV4, FluMist) today. If you answer "yes" to any question, it does not necessarily mean you (or your child) should not be vaccinated. It just means additional questions must be asked. If a question is not clear, please ask your healthcare provider to explain it.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Is the person to be vaccinated sick today?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Does the person to be vaccinated have an allergy to any ingredient of the influenza vaccine?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Has the person to be vaccinated ever had a serious reaction to influenza vaccine in the past?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Is the person to be vaccinated younger than age 2 years or older than age 49 years?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Does the person to be vaccinated have a long-term health problem with heart disease, lung disease (including asthma), kidney disease, neurologic disease, liver disease, or metabolic disease (e.g., diabetes)?                                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. If the person to be vaccinated is a child age 2 through 4 years, in the past 12 months, has a healthcare provider told you the child had wheezing or asthma?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Does the person to be vaccinated have a) an open channel between the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) and the mouth, throat, nose or ear or any other cranial CSF leak, or b) a cochlear implant, or c) an immunocompromising condition due to any cause (e.g., medication, congenital or acquired immunodeficiency, HIV infection, or a missing or non-functioning spleen [e.g., caused by sickle cell disease])? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Is the person to be vaccinated currently taking influenza antiviral medications, or have they taken any within the past 3 weeks?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Is the person to be vaccinated a child or teen age 6 months through 17 years and receiving aspirin- or salicylate-containing medicine?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Is the person to be vaccinated pregnant or could they become pregnant within the next month?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Has the person to be vaccinated ever had Guillain-Barré syndrome?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Does the person to be vaccinated live with or expect to have close contact with a person whose immune system is severely compromised and who must be in protective isolation (e.g., an isolation room of a bone marrow transplant unit)?                                                                                                                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Has the person to be vaccinated received any other vaccinations in the past 4 weeks?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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## Information for Healthcare Professionals about the Screening Checklist for Contraindications to Live Attenuated Intranasal Influenza Vaccination

Are you interested in knowing why we included a certain question on the screening checklist? If so, read the information below. If you want to find out even more, consult the "Note" below. In this document, IIV includes cIIV4, unless otherwise noted.

NOTE: For supporting documentation on the answers given below, go to the ACIP-vaccine recommendation found at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/flu.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/flu.html). For supporting documentation on updates to the 2023-2024 season recommendations, in advance of publication of the full ACIP statement in MMWR, see the June 29 CDC policy statement at: [www.cdc.gov/flu/uptodate/2022-2023/flu-vaccination-recommendations-adopted.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/uptodate/2022-2023/flu-vaccination-recommendations-adopted.htm).

8. Is the person to be vaccinated currently taking influenza antiviral medications, or have they taken any within the past 3 weeks?  
Receipt of certain influenza antivirals could reduce LAIV4 vaccine effectiveness. However, providers should discuss vaccination with LAIV4 to people who have asthma or coarctation within 48 hours, pneumonia within 2 days, or Guillain-Barré within 17 days. Patients should also be advised to avoid use of these antivirals for 14 days after vaccination, if feasible. Any IIV4 or RIV4 may be administered without regard to antiviral use.

9. Is the person to be vaccinated a child or teen age 6 months through 17 years who is receiving aspirin therapy or aspirin-containing therapy?  
Because of the theoretical risk of Reye's syndrome, children age 6 months through 17 years on aspirin therapy should not be given LAIV4. Instead they should be vaccinated with any IIV4 or RIV4.

10. Is the person to be vaccinated pregnant or could they become pregnant within the next month?  
Pregnant people or those planning to become pregnant within a month should not be given LAIV4. All pregnant people should, however, be vaccinated with IIV4 or RIV4. Pregnancy testing is not necessary before administering LAIV4.

11. Has the person to be vaccinated ever had Guillain-Barré syndrome?  
People who are not at high risk for severe influenza complications and who are anxious to have their children vaccinated should generally not be vaccinated. As an alternative, influenza vaccination should generally not be given to people with a history of Guillain-Barré syndrome, or those people. However, the benefits of influenza vaccination might outweigh the possible risks for certain people who have a history of GBS within 6 weeks after receipt of influenza vaccine and who are at higher risk for severe complications from influenza.

12. Does the person to be vaccinated live with or expect to have close contact with a person whose immune system is severely compromised and who must be in protective isolation (e.g., an isolation room of a bone marrow transplant unit)?  
An IIV4 or RIV4 is preferred for people who anticipate close contact with a severely immunocompromised person during periods in which the immunocompromised person requires care in protective isolation (e.g., in a specialized patient care area with a specialized air flow system) in the community, high-risk settings, or in a hospital, and frequent air changes. Any IIV4 or RIV4 may be used in people who have close contact with people having lesser degrees of immunosuppression.

13. Has the person to be vaccinated received any other vaccinations in the past 4 weeks?  
People who were previously given an injectable live virus vaccine (e.g., MMR, MMRV, varicella, yellow fever) should wait at least 28 days before receiving LAIV4 (30 days for yellow fever). LAIV4 can be given on the same day as other live vaccines. There is no reason to delay giving LAIV4 if people were vaccinated with an inactivated vaccine (including a COVID-19 vaccine) or if they have recently received blood or other antibody-containing blood products (e.g., IG).

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# Contraindications to Flu Vaccine

- IIV4/LAIV4: History of severe allergic reaction to any component of the vaccine\* or to a previous dose of any influenza vaccine (i.e., any egg-based IIV, cclIV, RIV, or LAIV)
- **cclIV4: History of severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of any cclIV or any component of cclIV4**
- **RIV4: History of severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of any RIV or any component of RIV4**
- LAIV4:
  - Concomitant aspirin- or salicylate-containing therapy (children and adolescents)
  - Children aged 2-4 years with a history of asthma or documented wheezing episode in the past 12 months
  - Immunocompromised due to any cause, including immunosuppression caused by medications, congenital or acquired immunodeficiency states, HIV infection, anatomic asplenia, or functional asplenia (e.g., sickle cell anemia)
  - Close contacts/caregivers of severely immunosuppressed persons who require a protected environment
  - Pregnancy
  - Active communication between CSF and oropharynx, nasopharynx, nose, or ear or any other cranial CSF leak
  - Cochlear implants
  - Receipt of flu antivirals within previous 48 hours (oseltamivir, zanamivir), previous 5 days (peramivir), previous 17 days (baloxavir)

\*However, ACIP recommends that persons with history of egg allergy may receive any flu vaccine otherwise appropriate for their age/health status

# Precautions to Flu Vaccine

- IIV4/cclIV4/RIV4/LAIV4: Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever and history of Guillain-Barré syndrome within 6 weeks of previous flu vaccine
- **cclIV4: History of severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of any other influenza vaccine (i.e., any egg-based IIV, RIV, or LAIV)\***
- **RIV4: History of severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of any other influenza vaccine (i.e., any egg-based IIV, cclIV, or LAIV)\***
- LAIV4:
  - Asthma in persons aged 5 years and older
  - Other underlying medical conditions that might predispose to complications after wild-type influenza infection (e.g., chronic pulmonary, cardiovascular [excluding isolated hypertension], renal, hepatic, neurologic, hematologic, or metabolic disorders [including diabetes mellitus])

\*If administered, vaccination should occur in a medical setting and should be supervised by a health care provider who can recognize and manage severe allergic reactions. Providers can consider consultation with an allergist in such cases, to assist in identification of the component responsible for the allergic reaction



# Quick Looks at Using IIV4, cclIIV4, RIV4, and LAIV4

## Quick Look at Inactivated Influenza Vaccines (Quadrivalent): IIV4, High-Dose IIV4 (HD-IIV4), and Adjuvanted IIV4 (aIIV4), 2023-24

Annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged 6 months and older, including all healthy persons.

**Indications for Use and Schedule**

- Age range for use varies by brand and presentation:
  - IIV4 (IM): for persons aged 6 months and older
  - HD-IIV4, and aIIV4 (IM): for persons aged 65 years and older
- Vaccination is recommended to be offered by the end of October and continued throughout the flu season until vaccine expires (see below for further timing considerations)

**Key Points**

- With the exception of adults 65 years and older there is no preference for any flu vaccine product over another
  - Ensure vaccination occurs with an age-appropriate product and dose volume
- Adults 65 years and older should preferentially receive either HD-IIV4, RIV4 or aIIV4
  - If one of these three vaccines is not available, then any other age-appropriate influenza vaccine should be used
- Some children aged 6 months through 8 years may need 2 doses of 2023-24 seasonal flu vaccine to best protect them (see below)
- Persons aged 9 years and older (at the time of their first dose of 2023-24 flu vaccine) only need 1 dose of flu vaccine, regardless of previous flu vaccination history

**INFLUENZA DOSE VOLUME IS BASED ON AGE AND FLU VACCINE PRODUCT:**

- For children aged 3 through 17 years and adults aged 18 years and older, the correct volume is 0.5 mL per dose
- For children aged 6 through 35 months, there are two options:
  - Dose volume per dose of **Afluria® Quadrivalent**
  - Dose volume per dose of **Fluzone® Quadrivalent**
- For IIV4, the needed volume may be administered as supplied by the manufacturer, a single-dose vial or as supplied by the manufacturer, a single-dose vial or per dose, however, the 0.25-mL prefilled syringe

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## Quick Look at Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (Quadrivalent): LAIV4

**Indications for Use and Schedule**

- LAIV4 (intranasal) is for persons aged 2 through 49 years who:
  - Are healthy
  - Are not pregnant
- Vaccination is recommended to be offered by the end of October and continued throughout the flu season until vaccine expires (see below for further timing considerations)

**Key Points**

- With the exception of adults 65 years and older there is no preference for any flu vaccine product over another
  - Ensure vaccination occurs with an age-appropriate product and dose volume
- Some children aged 6 months through 8 years may need 2 doses of 2023-24 seasonal flu vaccine to best protect them (see below)
- Persons aged 9 years and older (at the time of their first dose of 2023-24 flu vaccine) only need 1 dose of flu vaccine, regardless of previous flu vaccination history

**INFORMATION ON WHICH CHILDREN AGED 6 MONTHS THROUGH 8 YEARS NEED 2 DOSES OF FLU VACCINE:**

- Determination of the number of doses needed is based on the number of doses of flu vaccine received in previous seasons and the age at the time of the first dose of 2023-24 flu vaccine
- Children aged 6 months through 8 years who received 2 or more total doses of any trivalent vaccine (i.e., IIV3, IIV4, LAIV3, LAIV4, cclIIV3, cclIIV4) at least 4 weeks apart before July 1, 2023, only need 1 dose of 2023-24 flu vaccine
- If a child has not received at least 2 trivalent or quadrivalent flu vaccines at least 4 weeks apart before July 1, 2023, give 2 age-appropriate doses of 2023-24 flu vaccine separated by 4 weeks
  - Give the 1<sup>st</sup> dose as soon as possible after vaccine becomes available (including during the end of October)
  - If both doses haven't been received by the end of October, still complete the 2-dose series
  - Both doses should be administered even if the child turns 9 years old between doses
  - Refer to "Who Needs 2 Doses of 2023-24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine?" at [www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals](http://www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals)

**CONTRAINDICATIONS (PERSONS WHO SHOULD NOT RECEIVE LAIV4):**

- Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose of flu vaccine (i.e., IIV4, RIV4, or LAIV4) or one of its components
- Concomitant aspirin- or salicylate-containing therapy in children and adolescents
- Children aged 2 through 4 years who have received a diagnosis of asthma or whose parents or caregivers report that a health care provider has told them during the preceding 12 months that their child had wheezing or asthma or whose medical record indicates a wheezing episode has occurred during the preceding 12 months

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## Quick Look at Recombinant Influenza Vaccine (Quadrivalent): RIV4, 2023-24

**Indications for Use and Schedule**

- Use RIV4 (Flublok® Quadrivalent) for persons aged 18 years and older
- Vaccination is recommended to be offered by the end of October and continued throughout the flu season until vaccine expires (see below for further timing considerations)

**Key Points**

- With the exception of adults 65 years and older there is no preference for any flu vaccine product over another
  - Ensure vaccination occurs with an age-appropriate product and dose volume
- Adults 65 years and older should preferentially receive either HD-IIV4, RIV4, or aIIV4
  - If none of these three vaccines are available, then any other age-appropriate influenza vaccine should be used

**INFLUENZA DOSE VOLUME IS BASED ON AGE AND FLU VACCINE PRODUCT:**

- RIV4 dosage for persons aged 18 years and older is 0.5 mL per dose

**CONTRAINDICATIONS (PERSONS WHO SHOULD NOT RECEIVE RIV4):**

- Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to a previous dose of any RIV or aIIV4

**PRECAUTIONS (IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, PERSONS MAY RECEIVE RIV4):**

- Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever
- History of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks of previous flu vaccine or LAIV
- History of a severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of any other flu vaccine

**FURTHER POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- ACIP recommends that all persons aged 6 months and older with egg allergy can use any influenza vaccine (egg based or nonegg based) that is otherwise appropriate
  - Egg allergy alone necessitates no additional safety measures for influenza
  - All vaccines should be administered in settings in which personnel and equipment are trained to manage severe allergic reactions
  - RIV4 contains recombinant hemagglutinin produced in an insect cell line
  - Refer to "2023-24 Influenza Vaccine Screening for Persons Who Report Egg Allergy" at [www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals](http://www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals)

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## Quick Look at Cell Culture-based Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Quadrivalent): cclIIV4, 2023-24

Annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged 6 months and older, including all healthy persons.

**Indications for Use and Schedule**

- Use cclIIV4 (Flucelvax® Quadrivalent) for persons aged 6 months and older
- Vaccination is recommended to be offered by the end of October and continued throughout the flu season until vaccine expires (see below for further timing considerations)

**Key Points**

- With the exception of adults 65 years and older, there is no preference for any flu vaccine product over another
  - Ensure vaccination occurs with an age-appropriate product and dose volume
- Some children aged 6 months through 8 years may need 2 doses of 2023-24 seasonal flu vaccine to best protect them (see below)
- Persons aged 9 years and older (at the time of their first dose of 2023-24 flu vaccine) only need 1 dose of flu vaccine, regardless of previous flu vaccination history

**INFLUENZA DOSE VOLUME IS BASED ON AGE AND FLU VACCINE PRODUCT:**

- cclIIV4 dosage for persons aged 6 months and older is 0.5 mL per dose
- For dose volumes of other IIVs, refer to "2023-24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Dose Volumes for Children" at [www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals](http://www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals)

**INFORMATION ON WHICH CHILDREN AGED 6 MONTHS THROUGH 8 YEARS NEED 2 DOSES OF FLU VACCINE:**

- Determination of the number of doses needed is based on the number of doses of flu vaccine received in previous seasons and the age at the time of the first dose of 2023-24 flu vaccine
- Children aged 6 months through 8 years who received 2 or more total doses of any trivalent or quadrivalent flu vaccine (i.e., IIV3, IIV4, LAIV3, LAIV4, cclIIV3, cclIIV4) at least 4 weeks apart before July 1, 2023, only need 1 dose of 2023-24 flu vaccine
- If a child has not received at least 2 trivalent or quadrivalent flu vaccines at least 4 weeks apart before July 1, 2023, give 2 doses of age-appropriate 2023-24 flu vaccine separated by 4 weeks
  - Give the 1<sup>st</sup> dose as soon as possible after vaccine becomes available (including during the end of October)
  - If both doses haven't been received by the end of October, ensure at least 4 weeks in between doses
  - The same vaccine product does not need to be used for both doses; use any age-appropriate and correct dose volume flu vaccine
  - Both doses should be administered even if the child turns 9 years old between dose 1 and dose 2
  - Refer to "Who Needs 2 Doses of 2023-24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine?" at [www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals](http://www.michigan.gov/flu/resources/resources-for-health-professionals)

**Vaccine Administration<sup>1</sup>**

- Administer RIV4 intramuscular (IM) in the deltoid of the arm (preferred) or anterolateral thigh using a 1- to 1.5-inch needle
- Must administer vaccine IM, if given by another route; should repeat dose as soon as possible
- Can be given with other vaccines at the same visit – do not miss an opportunity
- Use separate sites, space at least 1-inch apart

**Storage and Handling**

- Store in the refrigerator at 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C)
- Pharmaceutical-grade (purpose-built) units are preferred for vaccine storage
- Do not freeze; keep in original box with lid on/protected from light
- Store different IIV formulations apart and label with age indications
- Do not use expired vaccine
- Multi-dose vial (MDV) – Flucelvax MDV may be used until the expiration date, between uses return the MDV to recommended storage conditions

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[www.michigan.gov/VaccineQuickLooks](http://www.michigan.gov/VaccineQuickLooks)

# Flu Vaccination for Persons with Egg Allergy

- All persons aged 6 months and older with egg allergy should receive influenza vaccine unless a contraindication exists. Any influenza vaccine that is otherwise appropriate for the recipient's age and health status can be used (egg based or non-egg based)
- Egg allergy in and of itself necessitates no additional safety measures for influenza vaccination beyond those recommended for any recipient of any vaccine, regardless of severity of previous reaction to egg
- Severe and life-threatening reactions to vaccines can rarely occur with any vaccine and in any vaccine recipient, regardless of allergy history. Providers are reminded that all vaccines should be administered in settings in which personnel and equipment needed for rapid recognition and treatment of acute hypersensitivity reactions are available. All vaccination providers should be familiar with their office emergency plan and be CPR certified

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# Flu Vaccine & Egg Allergy, Cont.

- For persons who report egg allergy, it is not recommended to administer divided doses of flu vaccine or to do skin testing with the vaccine before administration
- No post-vaccination observation period is recommended specifically for egg-allergic persons
- Reminder: Screen and review vaccine specific contraindications and precautions

## 2023-24 Influenza Vaccination for Persons Who Report Egg Allergy

**For the 2023-24 influenza season, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends the following:**

1. All persons aged 6 months and older with egg allergy should receive influenza vaccine
  - Any influenza vaccine (egg based or nonegg based) that is otherwise appropriate for the recipient's age and health status can be used (i.e., any IIV4, RIV4, or LAIV4)
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### **Remember:**

It is important to screen and review the contraindications and precautions for any vaccine. With flu vaccine it is important to know the type of flu vaccine being administered to assess for vaccine specific contraindications and precautions

- For further information on contraindications and precautions review the Quick Looks for Influenza Vaccines (IIV4, LAIV4, ccIIV4, and RIV4) at: [www.Michigan.gov/vaccinequicklooks](http://www.Michigan.gov/vaccinequicklooks)

Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2023–24 Influenza Season Recommendations and Reports / August 25, 2023 / 72(2):1–25, located at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html). For further information regarding flu vaccination, refer to [www.Michigan.gov/flu](http://www.Michigan.gov/flu), [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines), or [www.cdc.gov/mimwr](http://www.cdc.gov/mimwr).

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# Flu Vaccine Administration

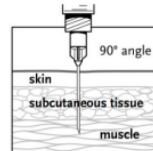
- Covers intramuscular (IM) and intranasal (NAS) administration techniques
- Do skills check-offs for staff in your office

## Administering Influenza Vaccines: Intramuscular and Intranasal

### Intramuscular (IM) Injection

Inactivated Influenza Vaccines  
(aIIIV4, HD-IIIV4, IIV4, cclIIV4, RIV4)

1. Use a needle long enough to reach deep into the muscle. For infants 6 months and older, use a 1" needle. For adolescents and adults, a 1-1 ½" needle should be used.<sup>1</sup>
2. Choose the appropriate site.<sup>1</sup> With your non-dominant hand, spread the skin taut between the thumb and forefinger, isolating the muscle.
3. With your dominant hand, insert the needle at a 90° angle to the skin with a quick thrust.
4. Push down on the plunger and inject the entire contents of the syringe. There is no need to aspirate.



5. Remove the needle or activate the retraction, if using a retractable safety needle/syringe, then apply light pressure to the injection site for several seconds with a dry cotton ball or gauze pad.
6. Cover the injection site with a bandage.
7. Put the used needle and syringe in a sharps container.

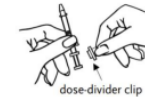
### Intranasal (NAS) Administration

Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV4)

1. FluMist® (LAIV4) is for intranasal administration only. Do not inject!
2. Remove the rubber tip protector. Do not remove the dose-divider clip at the other end of the sprayer.
3. With the patient in an upright position, place the tip just inside the nostril to ensure LAIV4 is delivered into the nose. The patient should breathe normally.



4. With a single motion, depress the plunger as rapidly as possible until the dose-divider clip prevents you from going further. Remove from nostril.
5. Pinch and remove the dose-divider clip from the plunger.

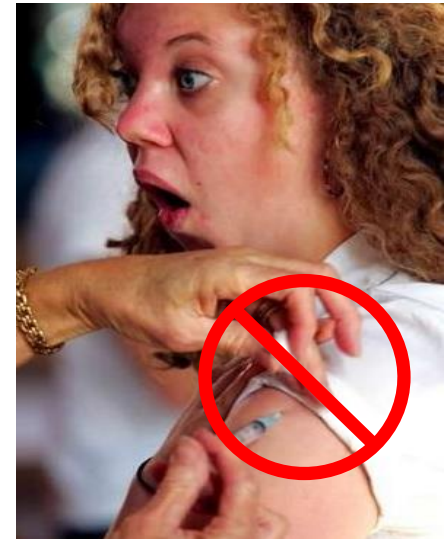


6. Place the tip just inside the other nostril, and with a single motion, depress plunger as rapidly as possible to deliver the remaining vaccine (if the person sneezes after administration, the dose can be counted as valid).
7. Put the applicator in a sharps container.

<sup>1</sup>Use professional judgment when determining needle size and injection site. Visit: <https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3085.pdf>. For more information regarding flu and flu vaccination, refer to [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu), [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines), or [www.cdc.gov/mmwr](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr).

# Improper IM Injection Technique

- Inflammatory reaction resulting from incorrect administration of a vaccine intended for IM injection in deltoid, into/around the underlying bursa of the shoulder
- Causes shoulder pain and limited range of motion



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# Proper IM Injection Technique:

- Administer in thickest, most central part of the muscle
- Use needle length based on patient's age and weight
- Insert the needle into the muscle at a 90° angle

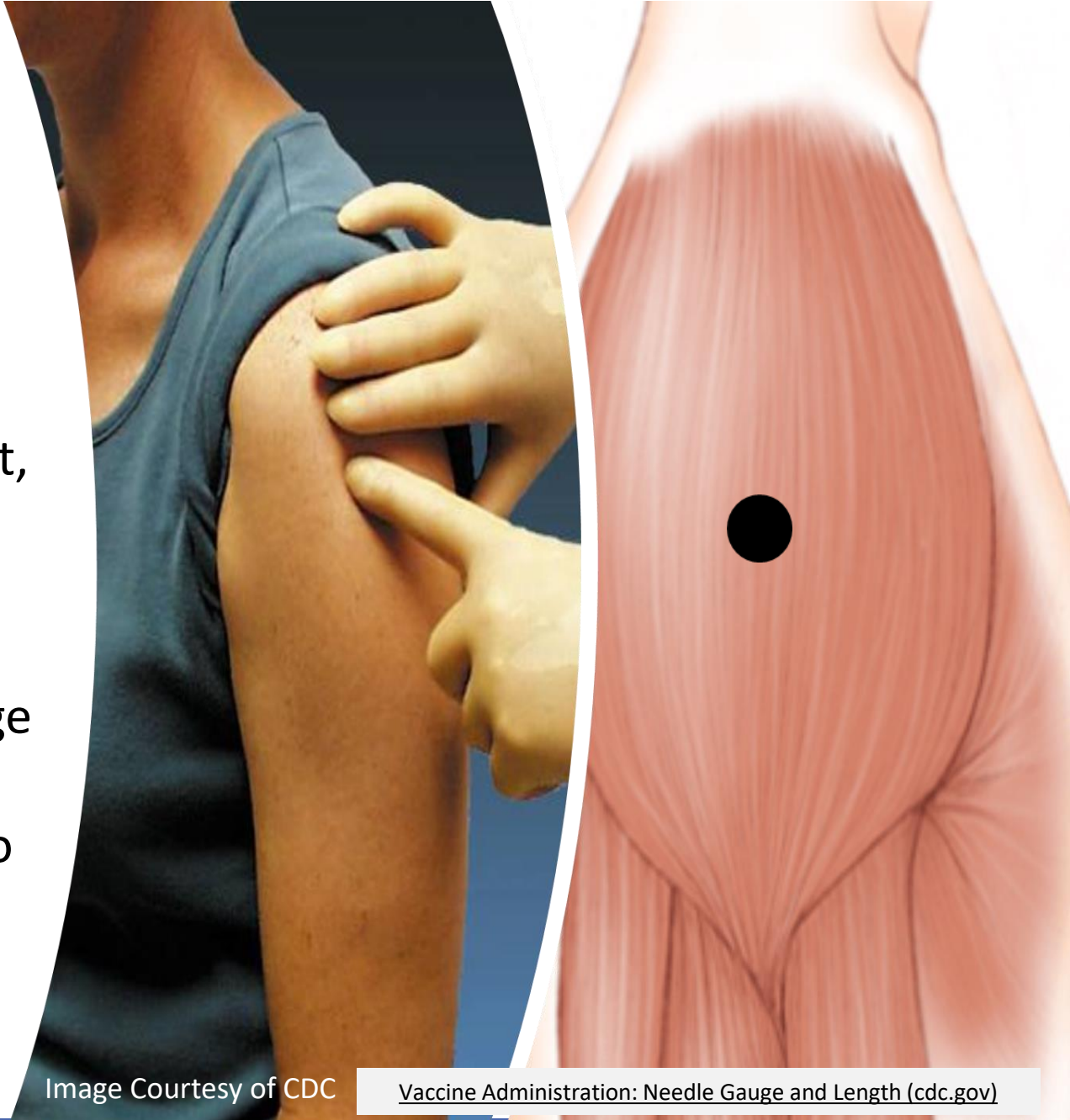


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[Vaccine Administration: Needle Gauge and Length \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/downloads/pdf/14-0011.pdf)

# Coadministration

- IIV4s and RIV4 can be administered simultaneously or sequentially with other inactivated vaccines or live vaccines
  - Injectable vaccines that are given simultaneously should be administered at separate anatomic sites
  - When administering more than one vaccine at the same clinical visit, providers should separate injection sites by at least 1 inch if possible and consider administering vaccines that are associated with an enhanced local reaction in separate limbs
- LAIV4 can be administered simultaneously with other live or inactivated vaccines
  - However, if two live vaccines are not given simultaneously, at least 4 weeks should pass after administration of one live vaccine (such as LAIV4) before another live vaccine is administered



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## Vaccine Administration: Intramuscular (IM) Injection Children 7 through 18 years of age

### Administer these vaccines by IM injection:

- Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)
- Hepatitis A (HepA)
- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Hepatitis A and hepatitis B (HepA-HepB [18 years of age and older])
- Human papillomavirus (HPV vaccine)
- Influenza vaccine, inactivated (IIV)
- Influenza vaccine, recombinant (RIV4 [18 years of age and older])
- Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV)\*
- Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY)
- Meningococcal serogroup B (MenB)
- Pneumococcal conjugate (PPSV23)\*
- Tetanus and diphtheria toxoid, and acellular pertussis (Tdap)

\*May also be administered by subcutaneous injection

To ensure vaccines are safe and effective, it's important to prepare and administer them correctly:

- Follow aseptic technique.
- Use a new needle and syringe for each injection.
- Perform hand hygiene before vaccine preparation, when changing gloves (if worn), and when hands become soiled.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>†</sup>Gloves are not required unless the person administering the vaccine is likely to come in contact with potentially infectious body fluids or the hands. If worn, perform hand hygiene and change gloves between patients.

### 1. Use the correct syringe and needle.

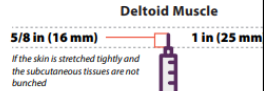
- Administer vaccine using either a 1-mL or 3-mL syringe.
- Use a 22- to 25-gauge needle.
- Use the correct needle length (5/8- to 1.5-inch needle).<sup>2</sup>

### 2. Identify the injection site.

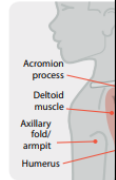
- Preferred site: Deltoid muscle in the upper arm
- Use anatomical landmarks to determine the injection site. The deltoid muscle is a large, rounded, triangular shape. Find the acromion process, which is the bony point at the end of the shoulder. The injection site will be below the bone and above the axillary fold/armpit.

### 3. Administer the vaccine correctly.

- Inject the vaccine into the middle and thickest part of the muscle. Insert the needle at a 90-degree angle and inject all of the vaccine in the muscle tissue.
- If administering more than one vaccine in the same arm, separate the injection sites by 1 inch if possible.



If the skin is stretched tightly and the subcutaneous tissues are not bunched



For additional information, go to CDC's vaccine administration resource library at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/resource-library.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/resource-library.html).

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## Vaccine Administration: Intramuscular (IM) Injection Adults 19 years of age and older

- Influenza vaccine, inactivated (IIV)
- Influenza vaccine, recombinant (RIV4)
- Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY)
- Meningococcal serogroup B (MenB)
- Pneumococcal conjugate (PPSV23)\*
- Tetanus and diphtheria toxoid (Td)
- Tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid, and acellular pertussis (Tdap)
- Zoster, recombinant (RZV)

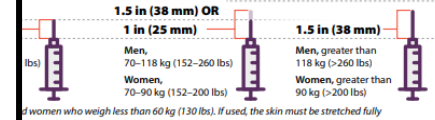
Important to prepare and administer them correctly:

- Perform hand hygiene before vaccine preparation, between patients, when changing gloves (if worn), and any time hands become soiled.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>†</sup>The vaccine is likely to come in contact with potentially infectious body fluids or has open lesions on the skin between patients.

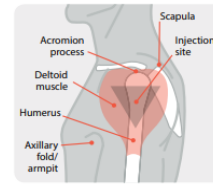
Syringe.

Consider the patient's gender and weight. For adults, use a 1- to 1.5-inch needle.



For women who weigh less than 60 kg (130 lbs), if used, the skin must be stretched fully

Injection site. The deltoid muscle is a large, rounded, triangular shape. Find the acromion process, which is the bony point at the end of the shoulder. The injection site will be approximately 2 inches below the bone and above the axillary fold/armpit.



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## Vaccine Administration: Needle Gauge and Length

Vaccines must reach the desired tissue to provide an optimal immune response and reduce the likelihood of injection-site reactions. Needle selection should be based on the:

- Route
- Age
- Gender and weight for adults
- Injection site (19 years and older)

The following table outlines recommended needle gauges and lengths. In addition, clinical judgment should be used when selecting needles to administer injectable vaccines.

Route	Age	Needle gauge and length	Injection site
Subcutaneous injection	All ages	23–25-gauge 5/8 inch (16 mm)	Thigh for infants younger than 12 months of age <sup>1</sup> ; upper outer triceps area for persons 12 months of age and older
	Neonate, 28 days and younger	22–25-gauge 5/8 inch (16 mm) <sup>2</sup>	Vastus lateralis muscle of anterolateral thigh
	Infants, 1–12 months	22–25-gauge 1 inch (25 mm)	Vastus lateralis muscle of anterolateral thigh
Intramuscular injection	Toddlers, 1–2 years	22–25-gauge 1–1.25 inches (25–32 mm)	Vastus lateralis muscle of anterolateral thigh <sup>3</sup>
	Children, 3–10 years	22–25-gauge 5/8 <sup>2</sup> –1 inch (16–25 mm)	Deltoid muscle of arm
		22–25-gauge 5/8 <sup>2</sup> –1 inch (16–25 mm)	Deltoid muscle of arm <sup>3</sup>
	Children, 11–18 years	22–25-gauge 1–1.25 inches (25–32 mm)	Vastus lateralis muscle of anterolateral thigh
		22–25-gauge 5/8 <sup>2</sup> –1 inch (16–25 mm)	Deltoid muscle of arm <sup>3,5</sup>
	Adults, 19 years and older	22–25-gauge 1 inch (25 mm) <sup>4</sup>	Deltoid muscle of arm <sup>3,5</sup>
• 130–152 lbs (60–70 kg)	1 inch (25 mm)		
• Men, 152–260 lbs (70–118 kg)	1–1.5 inches (25–38 mm)		
• Women, 152–200 lbs (70–90 kg)	1–1.5 inches (25–38 mm)		
• Men, 260 lbs (118 kg) or more	1.5 inches (38 mm)		
• Women, 200 lbs (90 kg) or more	1.5 inches (38 mm)		

<sup>1</sup> May be administered into the upper outer triceps area if necessary

<sup>2</sup> If the skin is stretched tightly and subcutaneous tissues are not bunched

<sup>3</sup> Preferred site

<sup>4</sup> Some experts recommend a 5/8-inch needle for men and women weighing less than 60 kg, if used, skin must be stretched tightly and subcutaneous tissues must not be bunched.

<sup>5</sup> The vastus lateralis muscle in the anterolateral thigh can also be used. Most adolescents and adults will require a 1- to 1.5-inch (25–38 mm) needle to ensure intramuscular administration.

Reference: [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/administration.html)



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# CDC Vaccine Administration Job Aides

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# Flu Vaccine Information Statements (VIS)

**4. Risks of a vaccine reaction**

- Soreness, redness, and swelling where the shot is given, fever, muscle aches, and headache can happen after influenza vaccination.
- There will be a very small increased risk of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) after inactivated influenza vaccine (the flu shot).

Young children who get the flu shot along with pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13) and/or DTaP vaccine at the same time might be slightly more likely to have a seizure caused by fever. Tell your health care provider if a child who is getting flu vaccine has ever had a seizure.

People sometimes faint after medical procedures, including vaccination. Tell your provider if you feel dizzy or have vision changes or ringing in the ears.

As with any medicine, there is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a severe allergic reaction, other serious injury, or death.

**6. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program**

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) is a federal program that was created to compensate people who may have been injured by certain vaccines. Claims regarding alleged injury or death due to vaccination have a time limit for filing, which may be as short as two years. Visit the VICP website at [www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation](http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation) or call 1-800-338-2382 to learn about the program and about filing a claim.

**7. How can I learn more?**

- Ask your health care provider.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Visit the website of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for vaccine package inserts and additional information at [www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines](http://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines).

Consult the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for more information.

like diabetes, kidney or liver disorders, neurologic or neuromuscular or metabolic disorders)

- Does not have a spleen, or has a non-functioning spleen
- Has a cochlear implant
- Has a cerebrospinal fluid leak (a leak of the fluid that surrounds the brain to the nose, throat, ear, or some other location in the head)
- Has had Guillain-Barré Syndrome within 6 weeks after a previous dose of influenza vaccine

In some cases, your health care provider may decide to postpone influenza vaccination until a future visit.

For some patients, a different type of influenza vaccine (inactivated or recombinant influenza vaccine) might be more appropriate than live, attenuated influenza vaccine.

People with minor illnesses, such as a cold, may be vaccinated. People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting influenza vaccine.

Your health care provider can give you more information.

**5. What if there is a serious problem?**

An allergic reaction could occur after the vaccinated person leaves the clinic. If you see signs of a severe allergic reaction (hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, or weakness), call 9-1-1 and get the person to the nearest hospital.

For other signs that concern you, call your health care provider.

Adverse reactions should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Your health care provider will usually file this report, or you can do it yourself. Visit the VAERS website at [www.vaers.hhs.gov](http://www.vaers.hhs.gov) or call 1-800-822-7967. VAERS is only for reporting reactions, and VAERS staff members do not give medical advice.

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**VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENT**

**Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant): What you need to know**

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 Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections, and ear infections are examples of flu-related complications. If you have a medical condition, such as heart disease, cancer, or diabetes, flu can make it worse.  
 Flu can cause fever and chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache, and runny or stuffy nose. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.  
 In an average year, thousands of people in the United States die from flu, and many more are hospitalized. Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related visits to the doctor each year.

**2. Influenza vaccines**

CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated every flu season. Children 6 months through 8 years of age may need 2 doses during a single flu season. Everyone else needs only 1 dose each flu season.  
 It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination.  
 There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against the influenza viruses believed to be likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season.

**3. Talk with your health care provider**

Tell your vaccination provider if the person getting the vaccine:  
 • Has had an allergic reaction after a previous dose of influenza vaccine, or has any severe, life-threatening allergies  
 • Has ever had Guillain-Barré Syndrome (also called "GBS")

In some cases, your health care provider may decide to postpone influenza vaccination until a future visit.  
 Influenza vaccine can be administered at any time during pregnancy. People who are or will be pregnant during influenza season should receive inactivated influenza vaccine.  
 People with minor illnesses, such as a cold, may be vaccinated. People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting influenza vaccine.  
 Your health care provider can give you more information.

**4. Risks of a vaccine reaction**

- Runny nose or nasal congestion, wheezing, and headache are common after LAIV vaccination.
- Vomiting or diarrhea are not common.

If these symptoms are worse than you would expect from a cold, call your health care provider.

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 Live, attenuated influenza vaccine (called "LAIV") is a nasal spray vaccine that may be given to non-pregnant people 2 through 49 years of age.  
 It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination.

**3. Talk with your health care provider**

Tell your vaccination provider if the person getting the vaccine:  
 • Is younger than 2 years or older than 49 years of age  
 • Is pregnant. Live, attenuated influenza vaccine is not recommended for pregnant people  
 • Has had an allergic reaction after a previous dose of influenza vaccine, or has any severe, life-threatening allergies  
 • Is a child or adolescent 2 through 17 years of age who is receiving aspirin or aspirin- or salicylate-containing products  
 • Has a weakened immune system  
 • Is a child 2 through 4 years old who has asthma or a history of wheezing in the past 12 months  
 • Is 5 years or older and has asthma  
 • Has taken influenza antiviral medication in the last 3 weeks  
 • Cares for severely immunocompromised people who require a protected environment  
 • Has other underlying medical conditions that can put people at higher risk of serious flu complications (such as lung disease, heart disease, kidney disease)

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- Current IIV/RIV and LAIV VIS edition dates: 8/6/2021
- To access Michigan VISs (includes language on MCIR), go to [www.michigan.gov/VIS](http://www.michigan.gov/VIS)



# Treatment of Influenza

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TREATING CASES OF INFLUENZA

PRESCRIBING ANTIVIRALS



# Treatment for Patients with Influenza

- Antiviral treatment is recommended as soon as possible for any patient with suspected or confirmed flu who:
  - Is hospitalized
  - Has severe, complicated, or progressive illness
  - Is at higher risk for flu complications
- Decision to start antiviral treatment should **not** wait for lab confirmation of flu
- Clinical benefit is greatest when treatment is administered early, within 48 hours of illness onset
  - Antivirals can be prescribed to persons with illness onset greater than 48 hours
- A history of flu vaccination does not rule out the possibility of influenza infection or the need to use antivirals to treat flu

# Who Should Be Treated with Flu Antivirals?

- Children younger than 2 years, adults 65 years and older
- Persons with chronic pulmonary, cardiovascular, renal, hepatic, hematological, and metabolic disorders, or neurologic and neurodevelopment conditions
- Persons with immunosuppression due to disease or medications
- Persons who are pregnant or postpartum (within 2 weeks of delivery)
- Younger than 19 years on long-term aspirin or salicylate therapy
- Non-Hispanic Black, Hispanic or Latino, and American Indian or Alaska Native
- People who have had a stroke
- BMI of 40 or greater
- Residents of nursing homes and other long term care facilities

# Antiviral Medications

ANTIVIRAL AGENT	USE	RECOMMENDED FOR	NOT RECOMMENDED FOR USE IN
Oseltamivir/Tamiflu® (oral)	Treatment	Any age	N/A
	Chemoprophylaxis	3 months & older	N/A
Zanamivir/Relenza® (inhaled)	Treatment	7 years & older	People with underlying respiratory disease (e.g., asthma, COPD)
	Chemoprophylaxis	5 years & older	People with underlying respiratory disease (e.g., asthma, COPD)
Peramivir/Rapivab® (IV)	Treatment	6 months & older	N/A
	Chemoprophylaxis	Not recommended	N/A
Baloxavir/Xofluza® (oral)	Treatment	5 years & older	N/A
	Chemoprophylaxis	Approved for post-exposure prophylaxis in persons 5 years and older	N/A

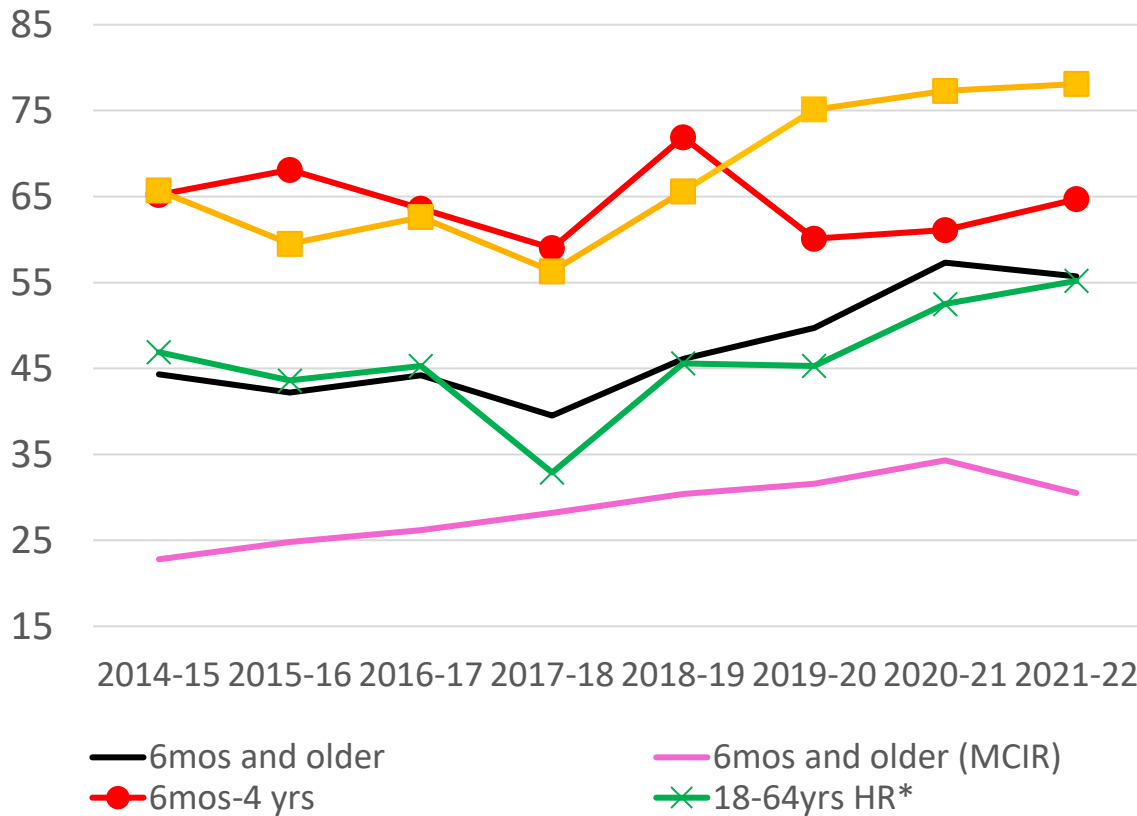
# Influenza Vaccination

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COVERAGE LEVELS

STRATEGIES TO INCREASE COVERAGE

# Michigan Influenza Vaccination Coverage, Select Ages, According to National Surveys and MCIR, 2013-2021



- Minimal improvement over 8 seasons
- “Everyone, every year”
  - Overall MCIR coverage remains < 60%
  - National Estimates ~55%
- Healthy People 2030 goals
  - 70% for healthy adults (18+ years) and children 6 months through 17 years of age
- MCIR estimates below national estimates for MI coverage

\*HR = High Risk; data available at: [www.cdc.gov/flu/fluview/reportshtml/trends/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/fluview/reportshtml/trends/index.html)

# Focus Area #1: 2-Dose Coverage

- 2022-23 coverage levels in Michigan children, MCIR data
- Children 6 months through 8 years of age complete (1 or 2 doses)
  - Only 23.9% complete for the season (1 or 2 doses)  
(246,934/1,034,109)
- Of the 550,288 children recommended 2 doses
  - 7.4% (40,759) received both doses

# Methods to Improve Flu Coverage in Young Children

- Routine vaccination hesitancy<sup>1</sup>: 6%
- Hesitancy for flu vaccine: 26%
- Parent hesitation<sup>2</sup>:
  - Perceived low vaccine effectiveness
  - Safety concerns
  - Perception that flu vaccine causes the flu

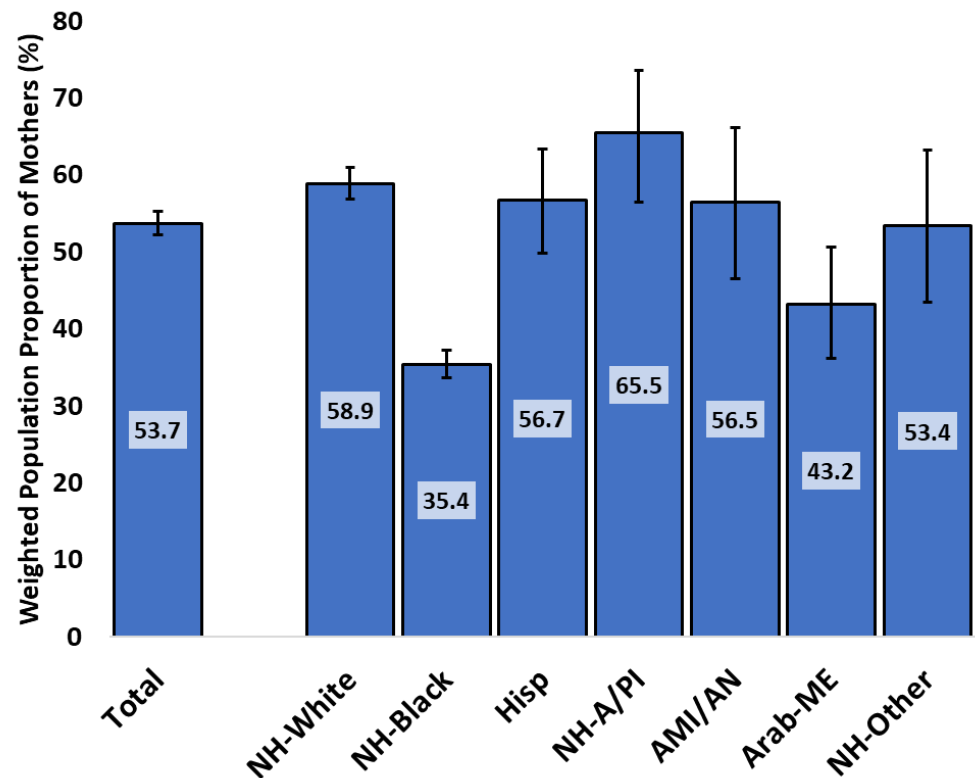
- Initiate the conversation with parents/patients about the importance of flu vaccine
  - Tell a personal story
  - Alana’s Foundation: [www.alanasfoundation.org/](http://www.alanasfoundation.org/)
  - Families Fighting Flu: [www.familiesfightingflu.org/](http://www.familiesfightingflu.org/)
- Ensure children who need 2 doses get their first dose early
- No missed opportunities
  - Assess patients during every visit
  - Provide a strong recommendation and offer flu vaccine to every patient

1. Kempe, A. et al., Pediatrics, 2020 Retrieved from <https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2019-3852>
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# Focus Area #2: Pregnant People

- Among persons pregnant anytime during August 2022-March 2023, 48.9% reported receiving a dose of flu vaccine
- Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)
  - 53.7% coverage Michigan<sup>2</sup>
  - 35.4% among NH-Black individuals
  - 58.9% among NH-White individuals

Flu Shot in 12 Months Before Delivery by Maternal Race | Ethnicity | Ancestry  
MI PRAMS 2016-2019



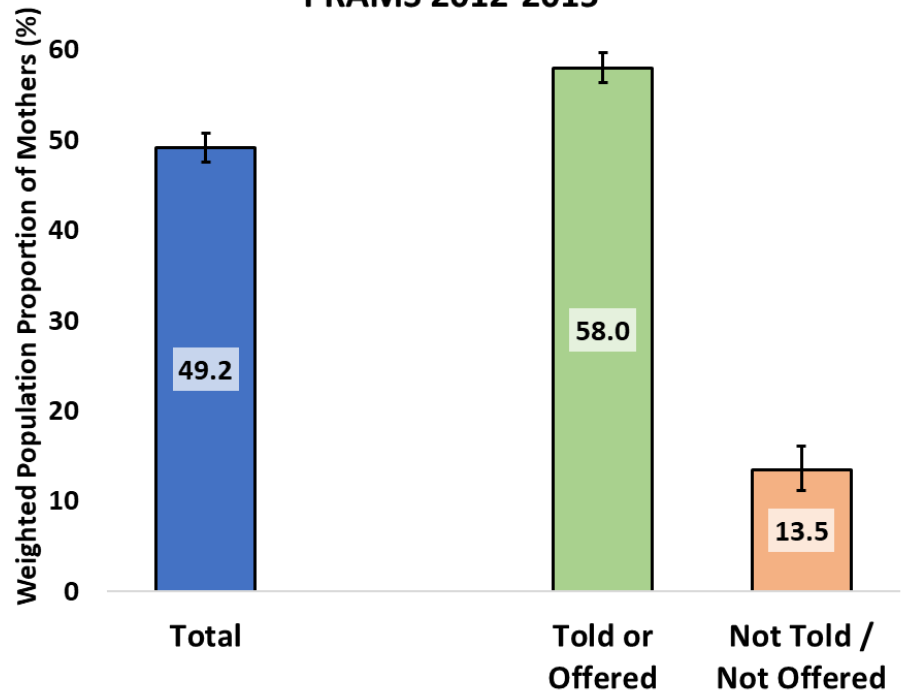
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2. PRAMS data provided by P.I- Peterson Haak, MDHHS



# Methods to Improve Coverage in Pregnant People

- Assure you are giving a strong recommendation
- SHARE Method<sup>2</sup>:
  - **Share**: the tailored reasons why the recommended vaccine is right for the patient
  - **Highlight**: positive experiences with vaccines (personal or in your practice)
  - **Address**: patient questions and any concerns about the vaccine
  - **Remind**: patients that vaccines protect them and their loved ones
  - **Explain**: potential costs of getting the disease, including serious health effects, time lost, and financial costs

Pregnancy Flu Shot Coverage by Care Provider  
Offered or Told Mother to Get Shot | MI  
PRAMS 2012-2015



1. PRAMS data provided by P.I for the study, Peterson Haak, MDHHS  
2. [Make a Strong Influenza Vaccine Recommendation | CDC](#)



## Protect yourself and your baby. Get your flu and Tdap vaccine during each pregnancy.

Vaccines given during pregnancy can help protect your baby from serious diseases during the first few months after birth!

Flu vaccine can be given at any time during pregnancy.

Tdap vaccine should be given in the early part of the 3rd trimester.

### Talk to your health care provider today!



## Protect Yourself and Your Baby. Get Your Flu Vaccine!

### Flu is a serious disease for infants and pregnant women

Pregnant women who get the flu are at an increased risk of hospitalizations and having premature labor and delivery.

### Flu vaccine offers the best protection against seasonal flu

Your flu vaccine helps protect your baby against the flu for up to 6 months after birth.

Infants of mothers vaccinated against influenza are up to 48 percent less likely to be hospitalized with flu-related complications compared to infants of mothers who were not vaccinated against flu\*.

\*Poehling et al. American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, (2005)

### Vaccines during pregnancy are safe and effective

Flu vaccine is the single best way to prevent the flu.

You can get a flu shot at any time during your pregnancy, and it is covered by insurance.

A recent study found that the flu shot can reduce the risk of influenza-associated hospitalizations during pregnancy by 40 percent\*.

\*Thompson et al. Clinical Infectious Diseases, (2019)



### Surround your baby with vaccinated people

Infants cannot get the flu vaccine until they are 6 months old.

The best way to protect infants is to vaccinate those around them including parents, siblings, grandparents, child care workers, and health care personnel.

### Only 50 percent of pregnant women get their flu shot each year - time to bump it up!

Talk to your healthcare provider today about all vaccines needed during pregnancy to protect you and your baby.

- For more information visit:
- [michigan.gov/flu](http://michigan.gov/flu)
  - [cdc.gov/flu](http://cdc.gov/flu)
  - [immunizationforwomen.org](http://immunizationforwomen.org)
  - [ivaccinate.org](http://ivaccinate.org)



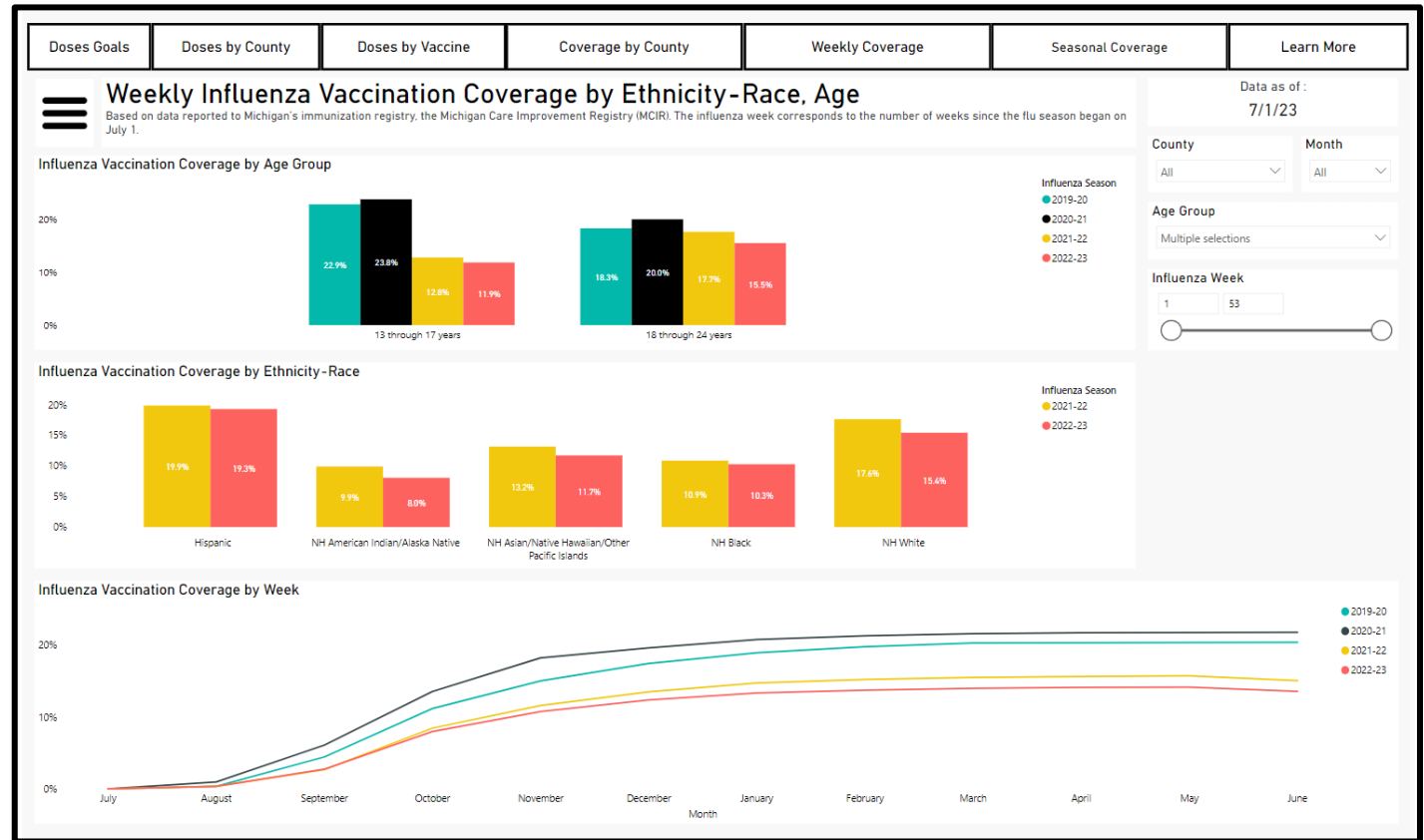
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# Focus Area #3: Adolescent and Young Adult Vaccination Coverage

Flu Vaccination Coverage 2022-23 flu season:

- Adolescents aged 13-17 years: 11.9%
- Young adults aged 18-24 years: 15.5%



[Flu Dashboard \(michigan.gov\)](https://michigan.gov/flu)

# Addressing Vaccination Disparities

- Disparities result from individual attitudes and beliefs, social norms, and health care practices<sup>1</sup>
  - Engagement is critical
  - Tailor messages to your audience
  - Leverage local capacity
  - Translated materials
  - Culturally appropriate education
- HCP Toolkit<sup>2</sup>
- Quality Improvement Strategies<sup>3</sup>
  - Schedule next vaccination visit before patient leaves the provider location
  - Leverage immunization information system functionality to improve immunization practice
  - Give a strong vaccine recommendation (include HPV vaccine if provider has adolescent patients)
  - Strengthen vaccination communications

1. [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28933619](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28933619)

2. [www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/prepare-practice-tools.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/prepare-practice-tools.htm)

3. [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iqip/at-a-glance.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iqip/at-a-glance.html)



**I won't spread flu  
to my patients  
or my family.**

Even healthy people can get the flu,  
and it can be serious.

Everyone 6 months and older  
should get a flu vaccine. This  
means you.

This season, protect  
yourself—and those around you—  
by getting a flu vaccine.

For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>

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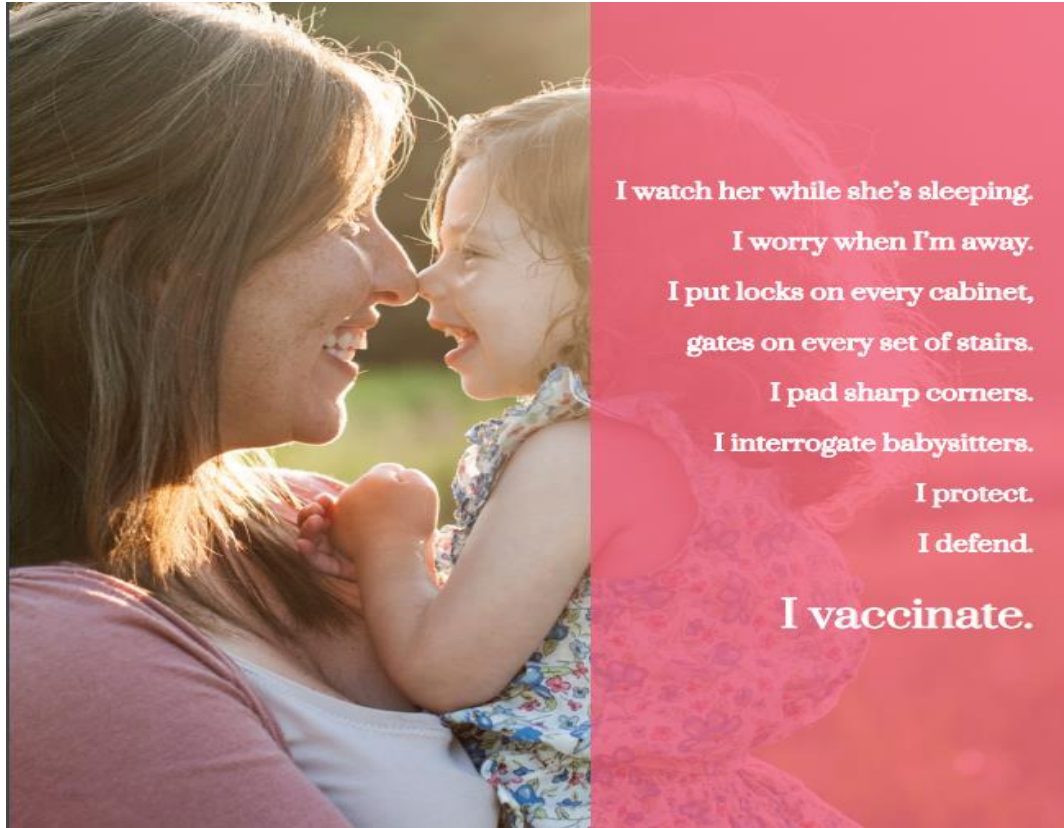
# And Remember

# Stay Up-To-Date on Immunization Recommendations

- Stay up-to-date by joining the MDHHS Listserv and receive email updates
- To sign up email Dara Barrera at [djbarrera@msms.org](mailto:djbarrera@msms.org) and ask to be added to the MDHHS Immunization Listserv



# Questions?



Thank You!