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Influenza and Influenza Vaccines

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Influenza

- Highly infectious viral illness
- First pandemic in 1580
- At least 4 pandemics in 19th century
 - Pandemics of 1957 and 1968 of lesser severity
- Most recent pandemic (H1N1) in 2009-2010
- Estimated 50 million deaths worldwide in pandemic of 1918-1919
- Virus first isolated in 1933

Influenza Virus

Single-stranded RNA virus

Orthomyxoviridae family

3 types: A, B, C

Subtypes of type A are determined by hemagglutinin and neuraminidase

Influenza Virus Strains

Type A

- Moderate to severe illness
- All age groups
- Humans and other animals

Type B

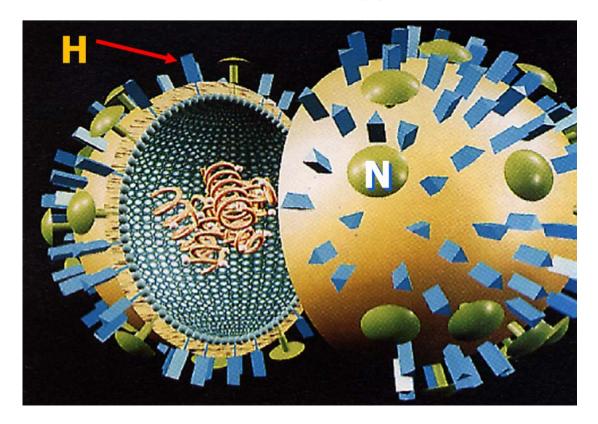
- Milder epidemics
- Primarily affects children
- Humans only

Type C

- Rarely reported in humans
- No epidemics

Influenza Type A Subtypes

Subtypes of type A determined by hemagglutinin (H) and neuraminidase (N)



Virus type Geographic origin Strain number Year of isolation Virus subtype

Influenza Antigenic Changes

- Antigenic Drift
 - minor change, same subtype
 - caused by point mutations in gene
 - may result in epidemic

- Antigenic Shift
 - major change, new subtype
 - caused by exchange of gene segments
 - may result in pandemic



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WHO declares first flu pandemic in 41 years

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World Health Organization Director General

Keiji Fukuda at a Geneva news conference

Margaret Chan sits before Assistant Director General

By Steve Sternberg, USA TODAY

The World Health Organization scaled up its flu warning to its highest level Thursday, declaring the first global influenza pandemic and Add to Mixx in 41 years as cases of H1N1 continued to mount in the USA, Europe, Latin America and Australia.

"The scientific criteria for a pandemic have been met," said Margaret Chan, director general of the WHO. "The world is now at the Subscribe start of the 2009 influenza pandemic."

PHOTOS: Schools closed in Hong Kong, Vermont (and more)

INTERACTIVES: World map, how H1N1

strain emerged

Images

FAQ: What you should know about swine flu VIDEO: Reporters answer your questions

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The decision marks the agency's formal recognition of the magnitude of the challenge posed by a novel, H1N1 flu virus now spreading unchecked among people who, because the virus is new, are virtually all susceptible to it.

The WHO is working closely with vaccine makers, who are just wrapping up production of seasonal flu vaccine for fall and gearing up to produce the first doses of an H1N1 vaccine by September. The agency urged member nations to maintain their vigilance to detect omingus changes in the virus's

Influenza Pathogenesis

Respiratory transmission of virus

 Replication in respiratory epithelium with subsequent destruction of cells

Viremia rarely documented

Virus shed in respiratory secretions for 5-10 days

Influenza Clinical Features

Incubation period 2 days (range 1-4 days)

50% of infected persons develop classic symptoms

 Abrupt onset of fever (usually 101° - 102°F), myalgia, sore throat, nonproductive cough, headache

Influenza Complications

- Pneumonia
 - Primary influenza pneumonia
 - Secondary bacterial pneumonia
- Reye syndrome
- Myocarditis
- Death reported in <1 per 1,000 cases</p>

Impact of Influenza – United States, 2010-2014

- Number of influenza-associated deaths varies substantially by year, influenza virus type and subtype, and age group
- Annual influenza-associated deaths ranged from 12,000 to 56,000 between 2010 and 2014, with an average of 23,607 annual deaths
- Persons 65 years of age and older account for 70% to 85% of deaths
- 2.7 times more deaths during seasons when A(H3N2) viruses were prominent

Impact of influenza, 2010-2016 - United States

 Highest rates of complications and hospitalization among persons 65 years and older, young children, and persons of any age with certain underlying medical conditions

- 2010-2011 to 2015-2016:
 - Flu-related hospitalizations in the United States ranged from a low of 140,000 (during 2011-2012) to a high of 710,000 (during 2014-2015).
 - During the 2015-2016 flu season, CDC estimated 310,000 people were hospitalized for flu-related illness.

- About 50% of hospitalizations among persons younger than 65 years of age
- Greater number of hospitalizations during years that A(H3N2) is predominant

Influenza Among School-Aged Children

- School-age children
 - typically have the highest attack rates during community outbreaks of influenza
 - serve as a major source of transmission of influenza within communities

Influenza Epidemiology

- Reservoir
 - human, animals (type A only)
- Transmission
 - respiratory, probably airborne
- Temporal pattern
 - peak December March in temperate climate
 - may occur earlier or later
- Communicability
 - 1 day before to 5 days after onset (adults)

Influenza Diagnosis

Clinical and epidemiological characteristics

 Isolation of influenza virus from clinical specimens (e.g., throat, nasopharynx, sputum)

Significant rise in influenza IgG by serologic assay

Influenza Virus Testing Methods

Method	Types Detected	Test Time
Viral tissue cell culture	A and B	3-10 days
Rapid cell culture (shell vials; cell mixtures; yields live virus)	A and B	1-3 days
Immunofluorescence, Direct (DFA) or Indirect (IFA) Florescent Antibody Staining	A and B	1-4 hours
Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) and other molecular assays [influenza viral RNA or nucleic acid detection]	<u>A and B</u>	Varies by assay (Generally 60-80 minutes and 4-8 hours)
Rapid Molecular Assay [influenza viral RNA or nucleic acid detection]	A and B	15 to 30 minutes
Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests (antigen detection)	<u>A and B</u>	<15 min.

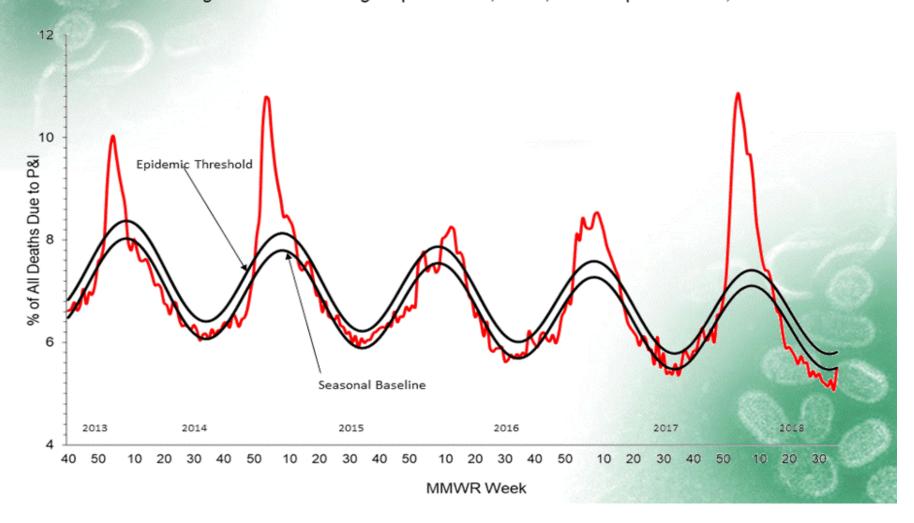
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A Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report Prepared by the Influenza Division

Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality from the National Center for Health Statistics Mortality Surveillance System Data through the week ending September 8, 2018, as of September 27, 2018



Influenza Surveillance

Monitor prevalence of circulating strains and detect new strains

Estimate influenza-related morbidity, mortality and economic loss

Rapidly detect outbreaks

Assist disease control through rapid preventive action

Inactivated Influenza Vaccine Efficacy

 About 60% effective among healthy persons younger than 65 years of age

 50%-60% effective in preventing medically attended illness and hospitalization among elderly persons

 60% or greater effectiveness in preventing medically attended illness in children, with either IIV or LAIV

2018-19 Influenza Vaccine Recommendations

2018-19 ACIP Influenza Statement--Overview

- Published in MMWR August 24, 2018*
- Continues 2017 Format
 - MMWR document focuses on recommendations and selected references; contains figure and tables
 - Background Document with additional references and a Summary of recommendations available on ACIP web pages
 - Core recommendation remains the same: annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged ≥6 months who do not have contraindications

TABLE 1. Influenza vaccines — United States, 2018-19 influenza season*

Trade name (Manufacturer)	Presentation	Age indication	HA (IIVs and RIV4) or virus count (LAIV4) per dose (each vaccine virus)	Egg-grown virus, [†] cell culture-grown virus, or recombinant HA	Adjuvanted (Yes/No)	Latex (Yes/No)	Route	Thimerosal (Yes/No) If Yes, mercury µg/0.5mL		
Quadrivalent IIVs (IIV4s)—Standard Dose—Contain inactivated virus										
Afluria Quadrivalent (Seqirus)	0.5 mL PFS 5.0 mL MDV	≥5 yrs ≥5 yrs (needle/ syringe) 18 through 64 yrs (jet injector)	15 μg/0.5 mL	Egg	No	No	IM [§]	No Yes (24.5)		
Fluarix Quadrivalent (GlaxoSmithKline)	0.5 mL PFS	≥6 mos	15 μg/0.5 mL	Egg	No	No	IM§	No		
Flulaval Quadrivalent (ID Biomedical Corp. of Quebec)	0.5 mL PFS 5.0 mL MDV	≥6 mos	15 μg/0.5 mL	Egg	No	No	IM ⁹	No Yes (<25)		
Fluzone Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur)	0.25 mL PFS 0.5 mL PFS 0.5 mL SDV 5.0 mL MDV	6 through 35 mos ≥3 yrs ≥3 yrs ≥6 mos	7.5 μg/0.25 mL 15 μg/0.5 mL	Egg	No	No	IM [§]	No No No Yes (25)		
Flucelvax Quadrivalent (Seqirus)	0.5 mL PFS 5.0 mL MDV	≥4 yrs	15 μg/0.5 mL	Cell culture	No	No	IM§	No Yes (25)		
Trivalent IIV (IIV3)—Standar	Trivalent IIV (IIV3)—Standard Dose—Contains inactivated virus									
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Trivalent IIV3—High-Dose—	-Contains inactivate	ed virus								
Fluzone High-Dose (Sanofi Pasteur)	0.5 mL PFS	≥65 yrs	60 μg/0,5 mL	Egg	No	No	IM§	No		
Trivalent IIV3—Adjuvanted Fluad (Seqirus)	Contains inactivat 0.5 mL PFS	ed virus ≥65 yrs	15 μg/0.5 mL	Egg	Yes (MF59)	No	IM§	No		
Quadrivalent RIV (RIV4)—Co Flublok Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur)	ontains recombinan 0.5 mL PFS	t HA ≥18 yrs	45 μg/0.5 mL	Recombinant	No	No	IM§	No		
Quadrivalent LAIV (LAIV4) — FluMist Quadrivalent (Astra Zeneca)	-Contains live, atten 0.2 mL prefilled single-use intranasal sprayer	2 through 49 yrs	d virus 10 ^{6.5–7.5} fluorescent focus units/0.2 mL	Egg	No	No	NAS	No		

Abbreviations: ACIP = Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; HA = hemagglutinin; IIV = inactivated influenza vaccine; IM = intramuscular; LAIV = live attenuated influenza vaccine; MDV = multidose vial; NAS = intranasal; PFS = prefilled syringe; RIV=recombinant influenza vaccine; SDV = single-dose vial.

seasons' data concerning LAIV effectiveness among children aged 2 through 17 years, including 1) a combined individual-patient-level analysis of data from five U.S. observational studies of LAIV effectiveness for the 2013–14 through 2015–16 seasons, and 2) a systematic review and meta-analysis of U.S. and non-U.S. observational studies of LAIV effectiveness for the 2010–11 through 2016–17 seasons (for

which further details are available in the Appendix to the Background Document). These observational data indicated that LAIV was poorly effective against influenza A(H1N1) pdm09-like viruses, and was significantly less effective than IIV against these viruses. However, LAIV was effective against influenza B viruses, and effectiveness of LAIV and IIV against influenza A(H3N2) viruses generally did not

There are Still Many Different Vaccines

- ACIP Statement, Table 1
- 10 distinct products
- More than one might be appropriate for any given recipient
 - ACIP/CDC express no preferences for any one type of influenza vaccine over another, where more than one is appropriate and available
 - Vaccination should not be delayed in order to obtain a specific product.

^{*} Immunization providers should consult Food and Drug Administration-approved prescribing information for 2018–19 influenza vaccines for the most complete and updated information, including (but not limited to) indications, contraindications, warnings, and precautions, Package inserts for U.S.-licensed vaccines are available at https://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/ucm093833.htm. Availability of specific products and presentations might change and differ from what is described in this table and in the text of this report.

[†] Persons with a history of egg allergy may receive any licensed, recommended, age-appropriate influenza vaccine (IIV, RIV4, or LAIV4) that is otherwise appropriate for their health status. Those who report having had reactions to egg involving symptoms other than urticaria (hives), such as angioedema, respiratory distress, lightheadedness, or recurrent emesis; or who required epinephrine or another emergency medical intervention, should be vaccinated in an inpatient or outpatient medical setting (including, but not necessarily limited to, hospitals, clinics, health departments, and physician offices). Vaccine administration should be supervised by a health care provider who is able to recognize and manage severe allergic conditions.

[§] For adults and older children, the recommended site for intramuscular influenza vaccination is the deltoid muscle. The preferred site for infants and young children is the anterolateral aspect of the thigh. Specific guidance regarding site and needle length for intramuscular administration is available in the ACIP General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization, available at https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/index.html.

Abbreviations

- IIV = Inactivated influenza vaccine
- LAIV = Live attenuated influenza vaccine
- RIV = Recombinant influenza vaccine
- Prefixes: SD = standard dose

HD = high dose

a = adjuvanted

cc = cell culture-based

 Numeric suffixes (e.g., RIV3, IIV4) indicate trivalent or quadrivalent, respectively

Influenza Vaccines

- IIV:
 - Contain inactivated virus, split or subunit
 - High Dose or Standard Dose
 - Trivalent or quadrivalent
 - Unadjuvanted or adjuvanted
 - Egg- or cell culture-based
 - Many brands, some approved for those as young as 6 months of age
 - Most are intramuscular
- RIV
 - Contain recombinant HA
 - Egg-free
 - Trivalent or (starting in 2017-18) quadrivalent
- LAIV
 - Live attenuated virus
 - Recommended again in 2018-19

2018-19 ACIP Influenza Statement

- Principal changes and updates for 2018-19
 - Influenza vaccine composition for 2018-19
 - LAIV4 is an option for influenza vaccination of persons for whom it is appropriate
 - a recommendation that persons with a history of egg allergy may receive any licensed, recommended, and age-appropriate influenza vaccine (IIV, RIV4, or LAIV4)
 - new vaccine licensures and labeling changes for previously licensed vaccines

2018-19 Influenza Vaccine Composition

- Trivalent vaccines:
 - A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus
 - A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 (H3N2)-like virus*
 - B/Colorado/06/2017–like virus (Victoria lineage)*

- Quadrivalent vaccines:
- The above three viruses, and
- B/Phuket/3073/2013–like virus (Yamagata lineage).

^{*}New vaccine virus for 2018-19

Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine, 2018-19

- Following two seasons (2016–17 and 2017–18) during which ACIP recommended that LAIV4 not be used, providers may choose to administer any licensed, ageappropriate influenza vaccine (IIV, RIV4, or LAIV4). LAIV4 is an option for those for whom it is appropriate
- Licensed for persons 2 years through 49 years
- Numerous precautions and contraindications to vaccination to be aware of, to be presented shortly

Vaccinating Persons with Egg Allergy

- Persons with a history of egg allergy of any severity may receive any licensed, recommended, and age-appropriate influenza vaccine (IIV, RIV4, or LAIV4). IIV and RIV4 have been previously recommended.
- Persons who report having had reactions to egg involving symptoms other than urticaria (hives), possibly related to anaphylaxis; or who required epinephrine or another emergency medical intervention, may receive any licensed, recommended, and age-appropriate influenza vaccine appropriate for their health status. Vaccine should be administered in an inpatient or outpatient medical setting, and be supervised by a health care provider able to recognize and manage severe allergic reactions.

Vaccinating Persons with Egg Allergy - 2

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- No postvaccination observation period is recommended specifically for egg-allergic persons. However, ACIP recommends providers consider observing patients (seated or supine) for 15 minutes following administration of any vaccine to decrease risk for injury should syncope occur

Afluria Quadrivalent

- Standard-dose IIV 3 and IIV4 (Seqirus)
- Licensed in August 2016,
 - Initially for persons aged ≥18 years
 - Now for persons aged ≥5 years
- Intramuscular
- Trivalent formulation of Afluria also available this season
 - Both Afluria and Afluria Quadrivalent are licensed for ≥5 years

Age Recommendation for Afluria (IIV3 and IIV4)

- Afluria is licensed by FDA for persons aged ≥5 years.
- From 2010-11 through 2016-17 ACIP recommended only for ≥9 years
 - -Febrile seizures/reactions in Australia during 2010 season
- February 2017: ACIP reviewed manufacturer data concerning investigation and resulting manufacturing changes
- FDA approved an expanded age indication for Afluria Quadrivalent (IIV4) in August, 2017
- For 2018-19, ACIP recommends Afluria for ≥5 years

Fluarix Quadrivalent

- January 2018, FDA approved an expanded age indication for Fluarix Quadrivalent (IIV4).
 - Previously licensed for persons age ≥3 years
 - Fluarix Quadrivalent now licensed for persons age ≥6 months.
 - -Children aged 6 through 35 months may receive Fluarix Quadrivalent at the same 0.5 mL per dose (containing 15 μ g of hemagglutinin [HA] per vaccine virus) as is used for older children and adults.

Fluarix Quadrivalent

- Potential for confusion
 - The other products licensed for 6-through 35 month olds are 0.25mL Fluzone—dose volumes are different for this age group, and
 - -FluLaval, also 0.5mL dose
 - Dose volume is distinct from number of doses needed:
 - A child aged 6 months through 8 years who needs 2 doses—
 - (for example, if a first-time vaccinee)—
 - and who gets 0.5mL Fluarix Quadrivalent for a first dose—
 - Still needs a second dose of influenza vaccine, ≥4 weeks late

Influenza Vaccination of Pregnant Women

- Influenza vaccination recommended by ACIP for women who will be pregnant during influenza season since 2004
 - Increased risk for severe influenza illness in pregnant women, particularly during second and third trimesters;
- Previous language stated pregnant women should receive inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV)
- For 2018-19, pregnant women may receive any licensed, recommended, age-appropriate influenza vaccine
 - IIV or RIV
 - LAIV not recommended for pregnant women

2018-19 ACIP Influenza Statement

- Recommendations for which there are no changes for 2018-19
 - Groups Recommended for Vaccination
 - Groups at Increased Risk for Influenza Complications and Severe Illness
 - Inactivated Influenza Vaccine Schedule

Groups Recommended for Vaccination

- Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons ≥6 months of age who do not have contraindications
- While vaccination is recommended for everyone in this age group, there
 are some for whom it is particularly important—
 - People aged ≥6 months who are at high risk of complications and severe illness
 - Contacts and caregivers of these people, and of infants under age 6 months (because there is no vaccine approved for children this age)

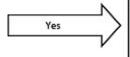
Groups at Increased Risk for Influenza Complications and Severe Illness

- Children aged 6 through 59 months and adults aged ≥50 years (children under 6 months of age are also at high risk, but cannot be vaccinated);
- Persons with chronic pulmonary (including asthma) or cardiovascular (except isolated hypertension), renal, hepatic, neurologic, hematologic, or metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus);
- Immunocompromised persons;
- Women who are or will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- Children and adolescents (aged 6 months—18 years) who are receiving aspirin therapy and who might be at risk for experiencing Reye syndrome after influenza virus infection;
- Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities;
- American Indians/Alaska Natives; and
- Persons who are extremely obese (BMI ≥40).

Recommendations regarding influenza vaccination of persons who report allergy to eggs: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, United States, 2016-17 Influenza season.

NOTE: Regardless of a recipient's allergy history, all vaccination providers should be familiar with the office emergency plan and be currently certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Epinephrine and equipment for maintaining an airway should be available for immediate use. (CDC. General recommendations on immunization—recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). MMWR Recomm Rep 2011;60(No. RR-2)

After eating eggs or egg-containing foods, does the patient experience ONLY hives?

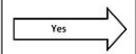


Administer any influenza vaccine formulation appropriate for recipient's age and health status (i.e, any appropriate IIV or RIV).



After eating eggs or egg-containing foods, does the patient experience other symptoms such as:

- Cardiovascular changes (e.g., hypotension)
- Respiratory distress (e.g., wheezing)
- Gastrointestinal (e.g., nausea/vomiting)
- Reaction requiring epinephrine
- Reaction requiring emergency medical attention



Administer any influenza vaccine formulation appropriate for recipient's age and health status (i.e, any appropriate IIV or RIV).

Vaccine should be administered in an inpatient or outpatient medical setting (including but not necessarily limited to hospitals, clinics, health departments, and physician offices), under the supervision of a health care provider who is able to recognize and manage severe allergic conditions.

IIV=Inactivated Influenza Vaccine; RIV=Recombinant Influenza Vaccine.

Egg Allergy Algorithm

- No longer printed in the MMWR
- □ Available on the CDC Web Pages at: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/e gg-allergies.htm

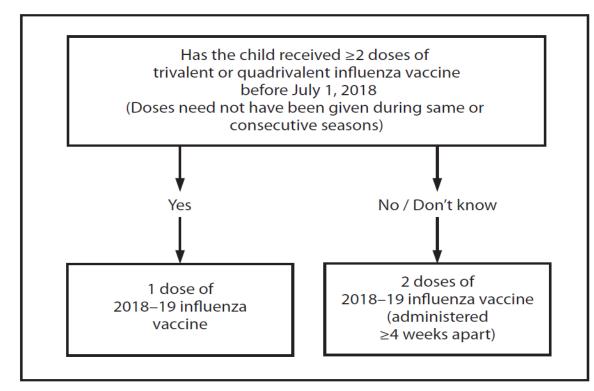
Inactivated Influenza Vaccine Schedule

Group Age	Dose	No. Doses
6-35 mos	0.25 mL or 0.50 mL*	1 or 2
3-8 yrs	0.50 mL	1 or 2
9 yrs and older	0.50 mL	1

^{*}Depending on vaccine product

Dosing Algorithim for Children aged 6 months through 8 years, 2018-19

FIGURE. Influenza vaccine dosing algorithm for children aged 6 months through 8 years — Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, United States, 2018–19 influenza season



Similar to past seasons

If two cumulative doses received prior to July 1, 2018, only one dose needed for 2018-19

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Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (IIV) and RIV Contraindications and Precautions

 Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to a vaccine component or following a prior dose of inactivated influenza

Moderate or severe acute illness

 History of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks following a previous dose of influenza vaccine

LAIV Contraindications and Precautions

Contraindications

- History of severe allergic reaction to any component of the vaccine or after a previous dose of any influenza vaccine
- 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
- Children and adults who are immunocompromised due to any cause (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by HIV infection)
- Close contacts and caregivers of severely immunosuppressed persons who require a protected environment
- Pregnancy
- Receipt of influenza antiviral medication within the previous 48 hours

Precautions

- Moderate-to-severe acute illness with or without fever
- History of Guillain-Barré syndrome within 6 weeks of receipt of influenza vaccine
- Asthma in persons aged ≥5 years
- Other underlying medical conditions that might predispose to complications after wild-type influenza infection (e.g., chronic pulmonary, cardiovascular [except isolated hypertension], renal, hepatic, neurologic, hematologic, or metabolic disorders [including diabetes mellitus])

Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (IIV) Adverse Reactions

- Local reactions (soreness, redness)
 - **-**15% 20%

- Fever, malaise, myalgia
 - -Less than 1%

- Allergic reactions (hives, angioedema, anaphylaxis)
 - Rare

Guillain Barre Syndrome

Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV) Adverse Reactions

Children

- No significant increase in URI symptoms, fever, or other systemic symptoms
- Increased risk of wheezing in children 6-23 months of age

Adults

- Significantly increased rate of cough, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, and chills reported among vaccine recipients
- No increase in the occurrence of fever

No serious adverse reactions identified

Influenza Antiviral Agents*

- Amantadine and rimantadine
 - Not recommended because of documented resistance in U.S. Influenza isolates
- Zanamivir, oseltamivir, and peramivir
 - Neuraminidase inhibitors
 - Effective against influenza A and B
 - Oseltamavir and zanamavir approved for prophylaxis
 - Peramivir (intravenous preparation only) approved by the FDA for treatment of acute uncomplicated influenza within 2 days of illness onset in persons aged 2 years and older.

CDC website on influenza: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm



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Everyone 6 months & older should receive a yearly flu vaccine.

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Find the flu shot near you.

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Influenza Resources

RESOURCES

- ACIP's Influenza Recommendations web page www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/flu.html
- CDC's Influenza web page www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm
- Immunization Action Coalition Influenza web page www.immunize.org/influenza/
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Vaccine Education Center Influenza web page

http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/vaccine-details/influenza-vaccine#.VgHMa3YpCAU



