

FLUBYTES



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Latest Flu News

ACIP RELEASES PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2009-10 INFLUENZA SEASON

On March 20, ACIP updated its website with its provisional recommendations for the use of influenza vaccine in the 2009-10 influenza season. The tentative date of publication of the recommendations in CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report is June 2009. The provisional recommendations are:

- The 2009-2010 trivalent influenza vaccines will contain A/Brisbane/59/2007 (H1N1)-like, A/Brisbane/10/2007 (H3N2)-like, and B/Brisbane/60/2008-like antigens. Compared to the 2008-09 Northern Hemisphere influenza vaccines, only the B strain has changed.
- Age and risk groups have not changed.
- All children aged 6 months through 18 years are recommended to receive vaccination.
- ACIP recommendations for use of antiviral medications for the 2009-10 influenza season will be provided in a separate MMWR document.

For more information visit the [CDC website](http://www.cdc.gov).

2009 SCHEDULE RELEASED FOR FALL IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCES

The Michigan Regional Immunization Conferences have been held every fall for more than 15 years. The primary goal of these conferences is to update health care professionals on immunization issues that affect people of all ages. The 2009 schedule has now been approved by the Michigan Department of Community Health. We will hold the following 8 conferences this fall:

- Oct. 7, Troy (Keynote - Andrew Kroger, MD, MPH)
- Oct. 8, Detroit (Keynote - Andrew Kroger, MD, MPH)
- Oct. 13, Gaylord (Keynote - Bill Atkinson, MD, MPH)
- Oct. 15, Marquette (Keynote - Bill Atkinson, MD, MPH)
- Oct. 21, Grand Rapids (Keynote- Sharon Humiston, MD, MPH, FAAP)
- Nov. 4, E Lansing (Keynote - Donna Weaver, RN, MN)
- Nov. 17, Kalamazoo (Keynote - Bill Atkinson, MD, MPH)
- Nov. 19, Ypsi (Keynote - Bill Atkinson, MD, MPH)

For more information, including a Save the Date flyer visit www.michigan.gov/immunize (under Provider Information). The registration process will begin sometime in August.

Pandemic Influenza

PANDEMIC FLU RESOURCE LIBRARY LAUNCHED

To improve the nation's preparedness for pandemic influenza, a clearinghouse of pandemic communication materials was launched by the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC). The Pandemic Influenza Resource Library offers a wide variety of materials for state and local pandemic planning. Visitors to the site can add their own pandemic materials. Access the library [here](#).

Flu Surveillance Update

Michigan influenza activity level continued to decrease for the week ending March 21, 2009; the state is now reporting activity at "Local" level. MDCH labs confirmed 17 influenza cases, bringing the season total to 257: 97 influenza Bs and 160 influenza As (148 A/H1N1s). Since week 2 (the week ending January 17, 2009), when influenza activity increased nationally, influenza A (H1) viruses have predominated during the season overall. However, the relative proportion of influenza B viruses is increasing nationally and regionally. For additional surveillance information, the MI Flu Focus is [archived](#) and the most current edition is included in this email. To find out about influenza activity in the U.S., visit the [CDC website](http://www.cdc.gov).

Flu Resources

Michigan's influenza web page: www.michigan.gov/flu

Flu Fighter Action Kit for Health Care Personnel
www.michigan.gov/flufighterkit

CDC influenza web page: www.cdc.gov/flu

MDCH would like to extend an invite for any interested health care professional to become involved in the Flu Advisory Board (FAB). To join FAB, contact Liz Harton, CDC Public Health Advisor at hartone@michigan.gov.

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Due to the release of the ACIP provisional flu recommendation, you are receiving a bonus edition of FluBytes! Starting in April, FluBytes will be distributed bi-weekly.