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## JOURNAL ARTICLES

### **Immunization Disparities by Hispanic Ethnicity and Language Preference**

Researchers in [Archives of Internal Medicine](#) found that Hispanic seniors, especially when Spanish-preferring and in linguistically isolated "new destinations," such as the Southeast, continue to be immunized at markedly lower rates than non-Hispanic whites, even after adjustment for health and sociodemographics. They concluded that individual physicians and policymakers may be able to assist this vulnerable group by addressing cultural and linguistic barriers to immunization.

### **Possible Reassortment of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009**

In the most recent edition of *Emerging Infectious Diseases* [researchers explore seasonal flu reassortant](#) possibilities for the current flu season. Public health officials have warned that flu is unpredictable, with reassortment between last season's pandemic virus and one of the circulating influenza A strains among the possibilities.

### **Risk of ILI in an Acute Health Care Setting**

[Archives of Internal Medicine](#) published an article on the risk of acquiring influenza-like illness (ILI) in acute health care settings during community influenza epidemics in 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007. The authors concluded that, "hospitalized patients exposed to potentially infectious patients and HCWs with ILI inside the hospital are at greater risk for hospital associated-ILI."

### **Antivirals**

Last Friday's MMWR included the following: "[Antiviral Agents for the Treatment and Chemoprophylaxis of Influenza.](#)" This report contains information on treatment and chemoprophylaxis of influenza virus infection and provides a summary of the effectiveness and safety of antiviral treatment medications.

### **Flu Activity in Michigan**

Yesterday the following Health Alert was distributed: "The weekly estimated flu activity in Michigan is being upgraded from 'local' activity to the next higher level of 'regional' activity, reflecting recent increases in parts of the Southwestern and Central regions of the state. Reports of confirmed individual influenza cases and emergency department visits due to constitutional and respiratory complaints continue rising. Respiratory outbreaks in congregate facilities have been reported from the Southeastern and Southwestern regions; two of these outbreaks have been confirmed as influenza A H3. Increases in flu activity at this time of year are expected based on past non-pandemic influenza seasons." More information is available in the attached [MI FluFocus report](#).

## NEWS ARTICLES

[2 in 3 Americans are icky flu spewers](#)

[EpiVax receives \\$458,000 NIH grant to develop universal influenza vaccine](#)

[CDC officials share key pandemic communications lessons](#)

## International News Articles

[Council of Europe affirms critique of WHO's pandemic response](#)

[ECDC Forward Look Risk Assessment: Seasonal influenza 2010-2011 in Europe](#)

## AVIAN FLU

[USDA Amends High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza Requirements for Importing Birds, Poultry and Hatching Eggs](#)

## FLU RESOURCES

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases launches [Are You That Guy?](#) campaign to urge Americans to see a doctor and limit contact with others when flu symptoms strike

Stay up-to-date with:

MDCH: [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu)

CDC: [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

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

## ADDITIONAL IMMUNIZATION NEWS

The January issue of the [Michigan Immunization Timely Tips](#) (MITT) has been posted online. A summary of the new Tdap recommendations is included in this issue

## News articles:

[Nearly half of Americans still suspect vaccine-autism link](#)

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