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## FLU UPDATES

### EGG ALLERGY AND FLU VACCINE

Recent interim results of a 2-year multicenter trial found that trivalent influenza vaccine (TIV) is safe to use in children with severe egg allergy, and can be given as a single dose. The study [presented this week](#) confirms the recommendation made earlier this year by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) — that egg allergy is no longer a contraindication to vaccination with TIV.

**Additional Article:** [Updated Recommendations on Influenza Vaccine and People with Egg Allergy](#)

### SWINE ORIGIN INFLUENZA

CDC [confirmed two additional](#) cases of human infection with a swine-origin influenza A (H3N2) virus that carries the M gene from the 2009 H1N1 virus; these infections are rare, but do occur. Both patients reported exposure to pigs prior to their illness. These reports bring the total number of confirmed cases in the US to 28 since 2005, with 15 of these having been infected with swine-origin influenza A (H3N2) viruses, and seven of these being the H3N2 virus with the M gene from the 2009 H1N1 virus.

### NEWS ARTICLES

[Flu vaccine efficacy: Time to revise public messages?](#)

United Kingdom: [Seasonal flu monitoring system launches](#)

[It's Possible to Come Down With Two Flu Viruses at Once](#)

### MICHIGAN NEWS ARTICLES

[Flu season hits Northern Michigan](#)

[Youths skip vaccines](#)

[Mid-Michigan health officials push for more to get flu shot](#)

### 2009 H1N1 STUDIES

The following journal articles were recently published:

- [Immunogenicity and Reactogenicity of 2009 Influenza A \(H1N1\) Inactivated Monovalent Non-Adjuvanted Vaccine in Elderly and Immunocompromised Patients](#)
- [Critically Ill Children During the 2009-2010 Influenza Pandemic in the United States](#)
- [Genetic diversity of influenza A\(H1N1\)2009 virus circulating during the season 2010-2011 in Spain](#)
- [Epidemiology and clinical characteristics of hospitalized patients with pandemic influenza A \(H1N1\) 2009 infections: The effects of bacterial coinfection](#)

## FLU RESOURCES

### UPCOMING WEBINARS

NOVEMBER 15: HCP AND FLU VACCINATION

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) recommend that all health care personnel (HCP) get vaccinated annually against influenza. On November 15, 2011, from 2:00 – 3:00 PM the [following webinar](#) featuring CDC speakers will be available: “Update on Influenza Vaccination for Health Care Personnel: Recent Coverage, Recommendations, Reporting and Resources”

NOVEMBER 17: OVERVIEW OF CDC’S FluVaxView

This [webinar](#) from 2:00 to 3:00 PM is to demonstrate use and application of [FluVaxView](#) the CDC influenza vaccination website and interactive vaccination reports. You can find Michigan-specific data on flu vaccination coverage on this website.

### NATIONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION WEEK (NIVW)

[NIVW](#), a national observance that was established to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination, as well as fostering greater use of flu vaccine after the holiday season into January and beyond is scheduled for **December 4-10, 2011**. If you are planning an event, be sure to submit it to CDC. A [CDC Influenza Awareness Campaign Media Relations Toolkit](#) was published last week for the event.

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)

### MDCH’S MONTHLY FLU POSTERS

November: [“Bring Your Passing Dish Not the Flu! This Thanksgiving, don’t dish out the flu to your loved ones. Get vaccinated.”](#)

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