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## FLU UPDATES

**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.

## HIGH RISK POPULATIONS

### Flu Vaccinations in Nursing Home Residents

Despite recent improvements in influenza vaccination rates at nursing homes, black residents are less likely than white residents to receive the vaccine, [according to researchers](#).

The following resource was recently developed by the American Geriatrics Society: "[What you should know about this year's flu shot and other vaccine information for older adults](#)."

## Cardiac Disease and Influenza

Patients with cardiac disease have an almost 3-fold increased risk for influenza-related hospitalization. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American College of Cardiology (ACC) have partnered with QuantiaMD to bring you a succinct [5-minute presentation](#) covering recommended Immunization Practices for these high risk patients.

## Health Care Personnel Vaccination Recommendations

On November 25, 2011, the CDC published: "Immunization of Health-Care Personnel." [This report updates](#) the 1997 summary of recommendations for vaccinating health-care personnel (HCP) in the United States. Annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged 6 months and older; therefore, vaccination of all HCP who have no contraindications is recommended.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [Survival of Influenza A\(H1N1\) on Materials Found in Households: Implications for Infection Control](#)
- [Transmission of 2009 Pandemic Influenza A \(H1N1\) Virus among Healthcare Personnel—Southern California, 2009](#)
- [Who knew? Awareness of being recommended for influenza vaccination among US adults](#)
- [Seasonal influenza vaccination knowledge, risk perception, health beliefs and vaccination behaviours of nurses](#)

## VACCINE SAFETY

CDC's Immunization Safety Office is offering a free online [continuing education activity](#) on Medscape titled, "Real Talk About Influenza Vaccine Safety - Be Informed and Be Prepared."

CDC's Featured Vaccine Safety Website:  
[Flu Vaccines Have Good Safety Records](#)

## NEWS ARTICLES

- [Updates focus on new indications for 2011-2012 vaccines](#)
- [New details emerge in novel H3N2 reports](#)

## AVIAN INFLUENZA

### NEWS ARTICLES

Nepal: [Bird flu found in valley few months after declaration of bird flu free country](#)

[Avian influenza - situation in Egypt](#)

## FLU RESOURCES

### CDC RESOURCES

CDC will host a live Twitter chat, December 8 at 1:00 pm EST, to emphasize that getting vaccinated in December, January and beyond is not too late and still provides protective benefit against influenza, to remind parents and providers of the need for certain children to receive a second dose for optimal protection, and to address questions about the flu and the flu vaccine. Participate or follow this event on Twitter at CDCFlu, #NIVW.

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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

December: ["Spread Holiday Cheer. Not the Flu."](#)

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