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2012-13 Influenza Season

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently updated the following resources:

- [Fluzone High-Dose Seasonal Influenza Vaccine: Questions & Answers](#)
- [Intradermal Influenza \(Flu\) Vaccination: Questions & Answers](#)

Influenza News Articles

- [Sanofi Pasteur Begins Shipping Fluzone® Influenza Virus Vaccine in U.S. for 2012-2013 Season](#)
- [Pitt researchers work to develop single vaccine to fight flu strains](#)

Global Influenza Surveillance

The World Health Organization (WHO) released a document, [WHO Interim Global Epidemiologic Surveillance Standards for Influenza](#), to improve the collection and use of influenza data around the world. The document addresses surveillance deficiencies highlighted during the 2009 pandemic including:

- The lack of surveillance for severe disease in most countries and the resulting absence of historical data limited governments' ability to gauge severity.
- The lack of an existing international mechanism for sharing epidemiologic data to understand global patterns of transmission and disease.
- Varied data collection and outbreak investigations early in the pandemic produced findings that were often incompletely understood outside local context.

International Influenza Activity

- [Pressure mounts with different flu virus](#)
- [Influenza strikes SA and Mid North](#)

Recent Influenza Vaccination Trends across Influenza Seasons

The CDC [released estimates](#) from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), National Immunization Survey (NIS), and the National 2009 H1N1 Flu Survey (NHFS) on flu vaccination trends in different age groups and ethnicities.

Avian Influenza & Pandemic Preparedness

- [Q&A: How real is the threat of a global pandemic involving H5N1 or a related virus?](#)

FLU RESOURCES

Stay up-to-date with:

MDCH: www.michigan.gov/flu

CDC: www.cdc.gov/flu

HHS: www.flu.gov

Influenza Webinar

The Virtual Immunization Communication Network is hosting a webinar, *Influenza Outlook: Strategies and Plans for the 2012-13 Flu Season*, on July 25, 2012. Presenters from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will provide updates on the upcoming flu season, share campaign plans for promotion efforts during the 2012-13 influenza vaccination season and discuss opportunities for maximizing traditional and new media to share information about influenza vaccination activities and messaging. Register at: <http://nphic-cic-events.webex.com/>.

Toolkits

The American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (ASHP) launched a new initiative to improve adult immunizations being given in hospitals: <http://www.immunizeadults.org/>

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