**FluBytes**

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**MICHIGAN ADULT INFLUENZA VACCINATION COVERAGE**

Only 58% of Michigan adults aged 65 and older received their influenza vaccine in 2011 according to recent data released by the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). Coverage varied by race and ethnicity: White, Non-Hispanic (58.3%), Black, Non-Hispanic (47.0%), Other/Multiracial, Non-Hispanic (68.7%) and the sample size for Hispanics were too small. Coverage also varied by Emergency Preparedness Region and Michigan Economic Development Collaborative Region. Please note, in 2011 significant changes were made to the methodology of BRFSS data collection:
- Including and increasing interview calls to cell phones
- Updating the weighting method used

Because of these changes, 2011 estimates should not be compared to 2010 estimates.

**VARIANT INFLUENZA A H3N2 (H3N2v) CASES**

News Articles
- Minnesota reports first variant H3N2 cases, CDC urges school vigilance
- How Industrialized Farming Could Facilitate Pandemic Swine Flu
- H3N2v infections spark debate about barring pigs from fairs

Resources
Immunization Action Coalition (IAC): [H3N2v Outbreak Information](#)

**INFLUENZA RELATED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- Evaluation of a toolkit to introduce standing orders for influenza and pneumococcal vaccination in adults: A multimodal pilot project
- Influenza vaccination for immunocompromised patients: systematic review and meta-analysis by aetiology

Additional Influenza News Articles
- Working Towards A Universal Flu Vaccine
- CDC Gives Options for Kids’ Flu Shots
- Scientists discover one of the ways the influenza virus disarms host cells

**MDCH FLU MATERIALS**

The following [website](#) will be updated as materials are finalized. Current materials include:
- Who Needs Two Doses of 2012-13 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine?
- Why is MDCH Promoting the More Complex Two Dose Influenza Vaccination Algorithm for the 2012-13 Influenza Season?
- Administering Intradermal Trivalent Influenza Vaccine (TIV ID)
- Seasonal Influenza Vaccines 2012-2013
- A Quick Look at Trivalent Influenza Vaccines: TIV, TIV ID, TIV High Dose
- A Quick Look at Live, Attenuated Intranasal Vaccine (LAIV)
- Influenza Vaccine Screening Algorithm for Persons who Report Egg Allergy

**HealthMap Vaccine Finder**

The HealthMap Vaccine Finder is now available to promote flu and other adult vaccinations to the public. If you already have a Vaccine Finder account, it is now time to enter your data [here](#). Go to HealthMap Vaccine Finder if you have not already signed up for an account and would like to have your practice listed on HealthMap Vaccine Finder.

**UPCOMING WEBINARS**

Join MDCH and MSU on August 29 from 12-1pm for a Webinar to kick-off the 2012-13 Influenza Season. A flyer for the webinar was sent on August 14, 2012; if you did not receive it please contact Cristi Carlton at carltonc2@michigan.gov.

**FLU RESOURCES**

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)

The August Issue of the IAC’s *Needle Tips* is now available.

The National Council on Aging introduced a new national *Flu + You* campaign which seeks to educate and empower older adults and their caregivers about the dangers of flu, the importance of annual vaccination, and available vaccination options. It includes a [toolkit](#) and facts to learn more about influenza in older adults and help spread the news to others.

Press Release: [National Council On Aging Urges Older Adults To Get Their Annual Influenza Vaccination](#)

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