2013 MDCH FALL REGIONAL IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCES
Registration is still open for six of the eight 2013 MDCH Fall Regional Immunization Conferences! To register or for more information, visit the conference website. The six remaining conferences are Oct. 15 (Gaylord), Oct. 17 (Marquette), Oct. 29 (Kalamazoo), Nov. 1 (East Lansing), Nov. 19 (Bay City), and Nov. 22 (Troy).

UPCOMING FAMILIES FIGHTING FLU WEBINAR
Families Fighting Flu (FFF) invites you to join a webinar on October 16 from 12:00-1:00 to hear from a team of experts about preparing for this flu season. A medical perspective and a personal story will be presented. Register here.

INFLUENZA-RELATED NEWS ARTICLES
- CIDRAP: Fill-and-finish contracts will boost flu vaccine capacity
- Egg-allergic children now have no barriers to flu shot
- CDC shutdown: No in-depth investigations of outbreaks
- Meijer pharmacies prepare to administer 40% more flu shots this season

INFLUENZA-RELATED JOURNAL ARTICLES
- BMC Medicine: Transmission potential of Influenza A/H7N9, February to May 2013, China
  - Researchers found virus has low transmission potential, pace of infection slowed after officials closed live-bird markets.
  - Modeling provides tool for monitoring pandemic potential in near real-time.
- CDC: Updated guidance on antivirals for H7N9 treatment
- CDC: Updated guidance on antivirals for H7N9 prophylaxis
- WHO: Recommendation on influenza A(H7N9) vaccine virus

INFLUENZA-RELATED JOURNAL ARTICLES
- Journal of Virology: Impact of prior seasonal H3N2 influenza vaccination or infection on protection and transmission of emerging variants of influenza A(H3N2)v virus in ferrets
  - Authors concluded the efficiency of A(H3N2)v transmission in ferrets in disrupted by pre-existing immunity induced by seasonal H3N2 virus infection.
- The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal: Influenza vaccination given at least 2 weeks before delivery to pregnant women facilitates transmission of seroprotective influenza-specific antibodies to newborns
  - Flu vaccination at any time during the 2nd and 3rd trimester of pregnancy, but at least 15 days before delivery, conferred seroprotection to majority of neonates.

H5N1 AVIAN INFLUENZA JOURNAL AND NEWS ARTICLES
- Safety and immunogenicity of a vero cell culture-derived whole-virus H5N1 influenza vaccine in a pediatric population

FLU WEBSITES
- www.michigan.gov/flu
- www.cdc.gov/flu
- www.flu.gov
- http://vaccine.healthmap.org/