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## MDCH FALL REGIONAL IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCES

Registration for fall conference is now [open](#)! Make sure you register soon as some locations reach capacity fast.

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| -Oct. 7: Marquette | -Oct. 24: Troy         |
| -Oct. 9: Gaylord   | -Nov. 18: Grand Rapids |
| -Oct. 21: Flint    | -Nov. 19: Kalamazoo    |
| -Oct. 23: Dearborn | -Nov. 21: East Lansing |

## 2014-15 MDCH FLU KICKOFF WEBINAR SLIDES AND Q&A

As a reminder, slides from the 2014-15 Pediatric and Adult Influenza Kickoff Webinar are on [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu). The Q&A document from the webinar chat has also been posted with the slides. They will be removed on September 12, 2014.

## IMMUNIZATION ACTION COALITION FLU HANDOUTS

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) has updated two of its influenza resources: [Influenza Vaccine Products for the 2014-15 Season](#) and [Declination of Influenza Vaccination](#). These pieces are nice supplements to [MDCH's flu handouts](#). Make sure to use these resources to help your vaccination efforts for the 2014-15 flu season!

## H3N2 VARIANT FLU UPDATE

Ohio has reported a [second](#) variant H3N2 (H3N2v) infection. This case also had close contact with pigs the week before illness onset but was not hospitalized. No epidemiologic links between the two Ohio cases have been found. For more information on H3N2v, visit CDC's ongoing [case count](#) and information for [healthcare providers](#).

## AVIAN INFLUENZA A(H7N9) NEWS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [China reports two H7N9 avian influenza cases from Xinjiang Uygur](#)
  - These new cases are from China's far northwest region, all other mainland H7N9 cases have been in eastern provinces (hundreds of miles away)
  - The two cases are not epidemiologically linked
- CIDRAP: [China confirms H7N9 death in far northwest region](#)

## INFLUENZA-RELATED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- *Pediatrics*: [Severe complications in influenza-like illnesses](#)
  - Of children presenting to the ED for moderate to severe ILI, those with neurologic and neuromuscular disease at increased risk for severe complications
  - Greater risk with H1N1 compared to other subtypes

## UPDATE ON MDCH 2014-15 COLLEGE FLU CHALLENGE

MDCH officially launched the [2014-15 College and University Flu Vaccination Challenge](#) on September 4 via [press release](#) and social media! Check out new challenge materials on the [website](#), including our first newsletter issue, campaign rules & regulations, and our campaign promo flyer with all the enrolled schools' logos!

## UPCOMING WEBINAR: PEDIATRIC FLU IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

CDC's Clinical Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) is hosting a webinar on September 18 from 2-3 PM titled, "Management and Prevention of Pediatric Influenza in Healthcare Settings." There will be continuing education available for this webinar. If you'd like more information, including how to access the webinar, visit: [http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo\\_091814.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_091814.asp).

## VICNETWORK FLU COMMUNICATION WEBINAR SLIDES

Earlier this month the Virtual Immunization Communication Network (VICNetwork) hosted a webinar on CDC's recommendations and communication plans for the 2014-15 influenza season. If you are interested in looking at the slides or listening to the recording, visit their archive: <http://www.vicnetwork.org/category/events/archived-webinars/>.

## 2014-15 INFLUENZA VISs

The 2014-15 influenza Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) are available! Make sure to use the [Michigan versions](#) as they contain language on the Michigan Care Improvement Registry.

## OTHER INFLUENZA-RELATED NEWS

- [Low pathogenic avian flu detected in U.S. ducks, pheasants](#)
- [Spread of flu on the rise in southern hemisphere](#)
- [China poultry farm hit in new outbreak of H5N6 bird flu](#)

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## FLU WEBSITES

[www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu)  
[www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)  
[www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)  
<http://vaccine.healthmap.org/>