



### 2015-16 FLU VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS

CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) published the [2015-16 flu vaccine recommendations](#) in *MMWR* on August 7. The report includes the recommendations, antigenic composition for 2015-16, and available flu vaccine products. MDHHS will be updating our flu education materials and will post them [here](#) as they are completed.

The 2015-16 Flu Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) have also been [posted](#). Make sure to use the Michigan versions as they contain language on the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR).

### VIC NETWORK WEBINAR ON AUGUST 19

The Virtual Immunization Communication (VIC) Network is hosting a webinar called 'What's New With the Flu? CDC's Recommendations and Communication Plans for 2015-16' on August 19 from 2-3 PM. There will be 2 CDC speakers. If you'd like more information or to register for this webinar, please go [here](#).

### NAT'L IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

It's [National Immunization Awareness Month!](#) Use the [communications toolkit](#) to promote the importance of immunizations week by week. Here's what's coming up for NIAM 2015:

- Aug. 9-15: Pregnant Women
- Aug. 16-22: Adults
- Aug. 23-29: Infants and Children

### AVIAN INFLUENZA NEWS IN NORTH AMERICA

- [Quarantines over on Wisconsin bird flu farms](#)
- [Iowa turkey farm reopens after avian influenza](#)
- [Congress asks USDA for continued avian influenza assistance](#)
- [APHIS boosts workers in wake of avian influenza](#)
- Any reports of sick or dead birds should be forwarded immediately to the proper agency:
  - For domestic poultry, contact MDARD:
    - M-F 8AM-5PM, 1-800-292-3939
    - After hours/weekends, 517-373-0440
  - For wildlife (die-off of waterfowl, gulls, or shorebirds), contact DNR:
    - M-F 8AM-5PM, 517-336-5030
    - After hours/weekends, 1-800-292-7800

### AVIAN INFLUENZA A(H5N1), A(H7N9) NEWS

- [Ghana, Ivory Coast report new H5N1 outbreaks](#)
- [Two Nigerian H5N1 outbreaks bring total to 170](#)

### INFLUENZA-RELATED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- *Vaccine*: [Incidence of medically attended influenza infection and cases averted by vaccination, 2011-12 and 2012-13 flu seasons](#)
  - Incidence varied greatly by year and by geographic region within the same year
  - Cumulative incidence ranged 0.8%-2.8% during 2011-12, 2.6%-6.5% during 2012-13
  - Incidence by age: 10.9% among children 6 months-8 years in 2012-13
  - Cases averted by vaccination ranged 4-41 per 1000 vaccinees, depending on study site and year
- [Impact of vaccine concerns on racial/ethnic disparities in influenza vaccine uptake among healthcare workers](#)
  - Black HCWs had lower flu vaccine uptake than whites, largely due to high concerns about flu vaccines
  - 82% supported mandatory flu vaccination for HCWs
- *Journal of Infectious Diseases*: [Evolutionary dynamics of influenza A viruses in US exhibition swine](#)
  - Exhibition swine are actively involved in evolution of flu A viruses

### OTHER INFLUENZA-RELATED NEWS

- CDC: [Toolkit for long-term care employers](#)
  - This toolkit was developed to help long-term care employers/administrators promote flu vaccination among their workforce
  - Make sure to check out the [resources](#) for increasing flu vaccination among long-term care HCP
- [Rite Aid pharmacies nationwide now offering flu shots](#) (August 12)
- CDC: [What you should know for the 2015-16 flu season](#) (August 10)
- [CDC flu vaccination pledge for the 2015-2016 season](#)

### 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/>

Archived editions of FluBytes are available [here](#) and MI FluFocus archives are [here](#).

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