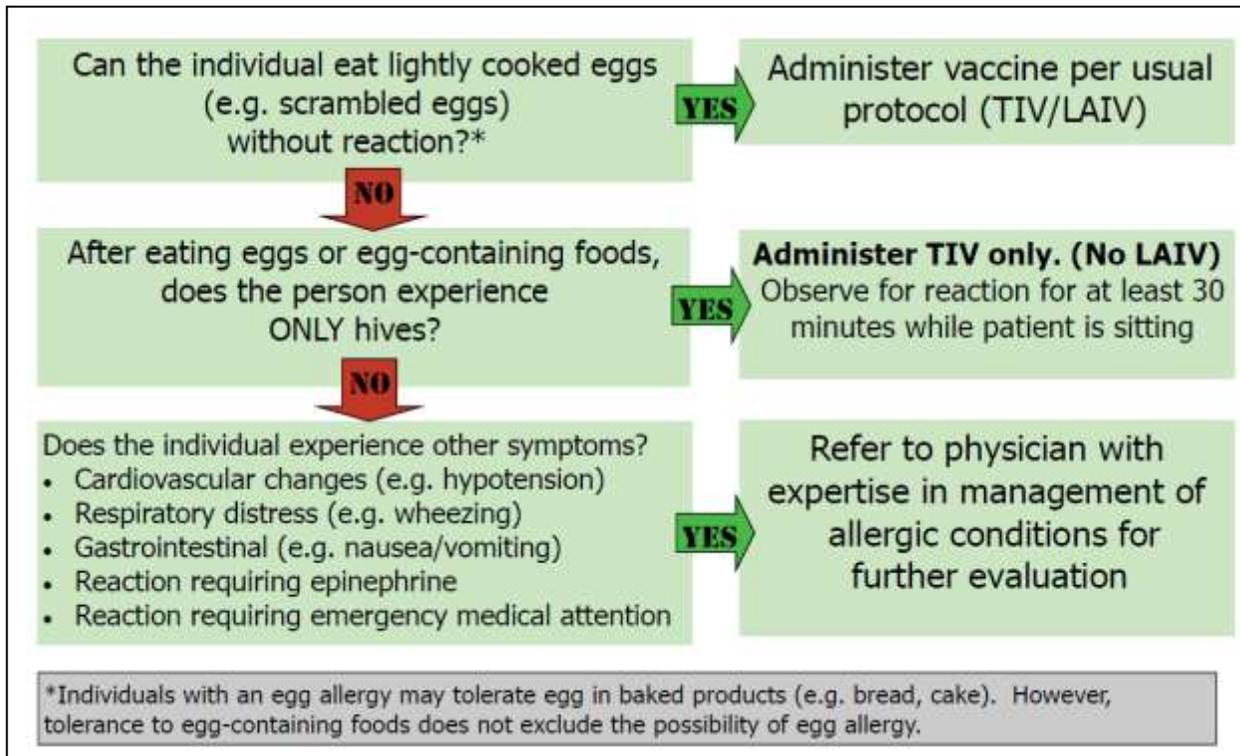


Influenza Vaccine Screening Algorithm for Persons who Report Egg Allergy

REMINDER! A prior severe allergic reaction to influenza vaccine, regardless of the component suspected to be responsible for the reaction, is a contraindication to receiving influenza vaccine



Key Points to Consider:

- All influenza vaccine viruses for the 2012-2013 season are grown in hen's eggs
- Allergy to eggs must be distinguished from allergy to influenza vaccine
- Other measures, such as dividing and administering the flu vaccine by a two-step approach and skin testing with vaccine, are not necessary
- All vaccines should be administered in settings where personnel and equipment are available for rapid recognition and treatment of anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions)
- All vaccination providers and staff should be familiar with their clinical emergency plan
- All staff should be CPR certified
- The clinic should have at minimum, epinephrine (check expiration date) and equipment for maintaining an airway