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CDC ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FLU VACCINATION FOR ALL ADULTS DURING THE 2010-2011 FLU SEASON

On Wednesday, February 24, 2010, [ACIP met](#) and voted to expand the recommendation for annual influenza vaccination to include all people aged 6 months and older. The panel voted 11 to 0 with one abstention.

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FDA VOTED TO FOLLOW WHO'S RECS FOR 2010-2011 INFLUENZA SEASON

The FDA Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) voted unanimously to recommend that the pandemic virus become the influenza A/H1N1 component of the 2010-11 vaccine. The committee also went along with the WHO's recommendation last week to switch the A/H3N2 component from the Brisbane strain to a 2009 Perth strain. The strains chosen by the FDA panel are:

- For the H1N1 component, an A/California/7/2009-like virus (the pandemic strain), which replaces A/Brisbane/59/2007
- For H3N2, an A/Perth/16/2009-like virus (an example is A/Wisconsin/15/2009), which replaces A/Brisbane/10/2007
- For type B, a Brisbane/60/2008-like strain (the same as last year)

These are the same three strains the WHO picked last September for the 2010 Southern Hemisphere flu season, which typically begins in May.

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[FDA selects pandemic H1N1 for 2010-11 seasonal flu vaccine](#)

CLINICAL UPDATES - 2009 H1N1

Journal Articles

In the February 24 online edition of [Clinical Infectious Diseases](#), researchers concluded that: "prolonged viral shedding was noted in young immunocompetent adults with mild pandemic influenza (H1N1) 2009 despite receipt of oseltamivir. When prescribed during the first 3 days of illness, oseltamivir shortened the duration of viral shedding."

INTERNATIONAL - 2009 H1N1

Recent News

[WHO sticks with current pandemic phase](#)

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EPIDEMIOLOGY- 2009 H1N1

On February 24, 2010, CDC posted the following Q&As:

- [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System \(BRFSS\) 2009 H1N1 Flu Modules for Influenza-like Illness \(ILI\) and Vaccination](#)
- [2009 H1N1 Flu: Underlying Health Conditions among Hospitalized Adults and Children](#)
- [Information on 2009 H1N1 impact by Race and Ethnicity](#)

CIDRAP posted a related article: [CDC finds racial differences in pandemic flu hospitalizations](#)

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[Emergency departments see rise in flu-like illness](#)

OTHER INFLUENZA NEWS

MDCH's Pandemic Plan

In late January 2010, the MDCH director approved the updated version of MDCH's Pandemic Plan. A redacted version of this plan, which eliminates sensitive countermeasure distribution and security information, is [available for public viewing](#) and distribution.

Journal Articles:

A recent study published by the [Public Library of Science](#) says that humidity is a key factor in US flu outbreaks. The study concludes that it provides epidemiological support for the hypothesis that absolute humidity drives seasonal variations of influenza transmission in temperate regions.

News Articles

[MSU team developing new way to fight influenza](#)

[Texas-Based Consortium Announces Project GreenVax Study Suggests Potential Reassortment Between Avian and Human Influenza Viruses](#)

FLU RESOURCES

Earn CME credits by watching: "[Vaccine Update- -Recent Data and Recommendations](#)," a 4-part video series from the Discovery Health Channel.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

[2010 National Influenza Vaccine Summit](#) tentatively set for May 17-20, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona

FLU WEBSITES

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