**FluBytes**

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**FLU UPDATES**

**SCHOOL LOCATED VACCINATION CLINICS**

A special supplement of *Pediatrics* was developed to provide a single source of information on the many facets of a School-located Vaccination (SLV) program. Background information on the expansion of influenza recommendations to all persons 6 months of age and older is described in, *“Evolution of the Pediatric Influenza Vaccination Program in the United States.”*

Additional studies in the supplement include:
- *“Expanding the Recommendations for Annual Influenza Vaccination to School-Age Children in the United States”*
- *“A Theoretic Framework to Consider the Effect of Immunizing Schoolchildren Against Influenza: Implications for Research”*

**VACCINE DEVELOPMENT**

GSK announces submissions for two influenza vaccines: Quadrivalent influenza vaccine and H5N1 Influenza vaccine

**First Vero Cell Culture-Based Pre-Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Now Approved**

**INFLUENZA NEWS ARTICLES**

- *Michigan: Flu starts late; shot still needed*
- *Maryland tests confirm flu, bacterial co-infections in family case cluster*
- *Time To Talk About Natural Products for the Flu and Colds: What Does the Science Say?*
- *Belief in Flu: Belief in Flu Shot's Value Boosts Health Workers' Uptake Shot's Value Boosts Health Workers' Uptake*
- *Ferrets as experimental models of influenza in humans*
- *Influenza Virus Respiratory Infection and Transmission Following Ocular Inoculation in Ferrets*
- *Vietnam, Bangladesh report more H5N1 cases*
- *Vietnam reports 4th bird flu infection*
- *Details of H5N1 study spark queries from congressman, experts*
- *Research on contagious H5N1 viruses: Space suits needed?*

**PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS**

According to a *study* in *PLoS One*, researchers found that people of different political backgrounds, ideologies, and demographic characteristics disagreed on the amount of vaccine to donate to poor nations during the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic

**Pandemic Preparedness Related News Articles**

- *Senator Burr Applauds Senate Passage of His Bill to Better Prepare Nation for the Threat of Pandemics or Bioterror Attacks*

**FLU RESOURCES**

Stay up-to-date with:
- **MDCH**: [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu)
- **CDC**: [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)
- **HHS**: [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)

**MDCH’S MONTHLY FLU POSTERS**

The March issue of The National Influenza Vaccination Disparities Partnership newsletter is available [here](http://www.michigan.gov/flu).

**1st National Immunization Conference Online (NICO)**

The 1st NICO, a virtual conference, will take place March 26-28, 2012. Workshops will include multiple presentations and will be one hour in length, and will be recorded. For more information go to the CDC’s National Immunization Conference [section](http://www.cdc.gov/immunization/nico).

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