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FLU UPDATES

Increasing Flu Coverage Rates

A significant increase was seen in influenza vaccination coverage after implementation of a 4-part [evidence-based toolkit](#). Researchers presented that "Eight of 10 practices reached more than a 100% increase in the number of doses given" at the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) 15th Annual [Conference](#) which included:

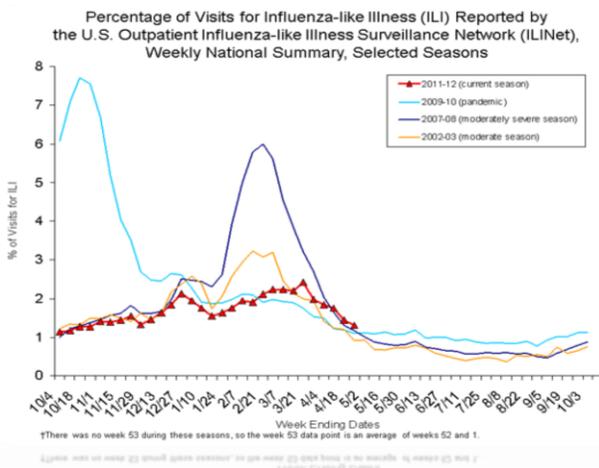
- Convenient influenza vaccination services. Offices designed the best express services which included a suburban office closing down except for vaccinations, so people are in and out in 10 minutes. In the inner city, a daytime no-appointment-necessary express vaccination service was offered.
- Patient notification about availability of convenient programs and vaccination recommendations. Auto-dialer phone calls are one way to notify patients.
- Enhanced office vaccination systems, such as systematic assessment by electronic medical records (EMRs) or staff workflow coupled with standing orders. An EMR might turn on a best-practice alert that doesn't vanish until the child is vaccinated.
- Motivation with an office immunization champion tracking progress toward a set goal, and comparison with other practices.

2011-12 Influenza Season

On May 25, the CDC issued their final full influenza [surveillance report](#) for the 2011-2012 season. This report wraps up a season that began late and set a new record for the lowest and shortest peak for influenza-like-illness since this type of surveillance began.

Related News Article:

- [Goodbye flu season, for now](#)



Avian Influenza

- [WHO update on Cambodian death](#)

Human Flu Viruses in Pigs

A serologic study of Cambodian pigs found that exposure to human influenza A is relatively common in the country's swine, researchers reported in [Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses](#).

Influenza Vaccine Development

- [WHO hopes for meeting on dual-use research in late fall](#)
- ['Key step' closer to universal flu vaccine](#)
- [WHA wraps up with IHR, virus-sharing update](#)
- [World Health Assembly Endorses New Plan to Increase Global Access to Vaccines](#)

Influenza News Articles

- [Vaccinating all schoolchildren against influenza may be most cost effective control](#)
- [Joint Commission Report Explains New Flu Vaccine Requirements](#)
- [Early flu-vaccine production forecast: up to 149 million doses](#)

FLU RESOURCES

Stay up-to-date with:

MDCH: www.michigan.gov/flu

CDC: www.cdc.gov/flu

HHS: www.flu.gov

The National Influenza Vaccination Disparities Partnership posted a special edition of their newsletter, "[Influenza News](#)." Check out a new PSA, [Where's Tanya](#), developed by the Maryland Partnership for Prevention.

Presentations Available Online

The 2012 National Adult Immunization Summit (NAIS) and the 12th National Influenza Vaccine Summit (NIVS) were held in Atlanta, Georgia on May 15-17, 2012. The agenda and presentations from each meeting are available here - http://www.preventinfluenza.org/nivs_summ_2012.asp

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