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## INFLUENZA IN THE ELDERLY

Last week's [FluView](#) showed that the elderly have been hit hard this flu season, with 82 hospitalizations per 100,000 people age 65 and older. In contrast, the rate of hospitalization related to laboratory-confirmed flu cases for all age groups is 19 per 100,000. This is concerning because while 85 percent of pharmacists, doctors, and nurses have received the flu vaccine, [less than 50 percent](#) of nursing home and other allied care workers have been immunized.

**Recently posted:** [CDC Influenza Update for Geriatricians and Other Clinicians Caring for People 65 and Older](#)

Related News Articles:

- [Flu sending many elderly to hospitals, CDC says](#)
- [CDC: Flu hitting elderly especially hard, but only half of nursing home workers vaccinated](#)

## NEW FLU VACCINE TECHNOLOGY

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the first influenza vaccine produced with the help of an insect virus and recombinant DNA technology. Flublok, developed by Protein Sciences Corp. was approved for adults ages 18 through 49.

Related News Articles: [Cell-Culture Vaccine Gets FDA OK](#)

## HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

The American College of Physicians (ACP) [has approved](#) a policy recommendation that all HCP be immunized against influenza; diphtheria; hepatitis B; measles, mumps, and rubella; pertussis; and varicella according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Adult Immunization Schedule.

## ANTIVIRALS

- [CDC Urges Tamiflu Rx to Curb Flu Death Rate](#)

## INFLUENZA-RELATED NEWS ARTICLES

- [Why 64.8 percent of Americans didn't get a flu shot](#)
- [Q&A with CDC flu expert Michael Jhung](#)
- [Lowering Flu Shot Costs Could Bump Vaccination Rates](#)
- [Evidence grows for narcolepsy link to GSK flu shot](#)
- [Minnesota: Flu 'Widespread' In State, 60 Deaths](#)
- [MDLinx Survey: 22.6 Percent Of US Docs Report Most Patients Ever At This Point In Flu Season](#)
- [Children With Egg Allergies Can Safely Receive Flu Vaccine, Multi-Center Study Finds](#)

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [Risk of Fetal Death after Pandemic Influenza Virus Infection or Vaccination](#)
- [Effectiveness of Monovalent A\(H1N1\)pdm09 and 2010-11 Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccines in Wisconsin During the 2010-11 Season](#)
- [Benefit of Conjugate Pneumococcal Vaccination in Preventing Influenza Hospitalization in Children: A Case-Control Study](#)
- [The Burden of Flu B: A Structured Literature Review](#)
- [Infant outcomes among pregnant women who used oseltamivir for treatment of influenza during the H1N1 epidemic](#)

## AVIAN AND PANDEMIC INFLUENZA

- [Research moratorium on modified H5N1 viruses ends](#)
- [H5N1 Influenza Research Begins Again, but Not in US](#)
- [House votes to reauthorize bio, chemical countermeasure programs](#)

## FLU VACCINES REQUIRED TO BE ENTERED INTO MCIR

As a reminder, providers are required to report flu immunizations administered to every child less than 20 years old within 72 hours of administration into the [Michigan Care Improvement Registry \(MCIR\)](#). Please ensure you are entering your doses for adults as well!

## FLU RESOURCES

### WEBINAR, JANUARY 30, 2013 AT 2PM

The next [VICNetwork webinar](#) is on building collaborative relationships with community partners. The webinar includes information on the CDC Flu Disparities Project, a project on grassroots social marketing to promote influenza immunization to disparate populations.

The January edition [of Influential News](#) was published this week.

## FLU VACCINE AVAILABILITY

The National Influenza Vaccine Summit's [Influenza Vaccine Availability Tracking System](#) is designed to enable healthcare providers to find flu vaccine to purchase

## VACCINE SAFETY

- New Infographic: [The Journey of Your Child's Vaccine](#)
- The Institute of Medicine (IOM) recently published a report titled [The Childhood Immunization Schedule and Safety: Stakeholder Concerns, Scientific Evidence, and Future Studies](#).

The latest edition of the Michigan Immunization Timely Tips (MITT) newsletter is [now available](#).

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