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2013 MDCH FALL REGIONAL IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCES

Registration is still open for six of the eight 2013 MDCH Fall Regional Immunization Conferences! To register or for more information, visit the conference [website](#). The six remaining conferences are Oct. 15 (Gaylord), Oct. 17 (Marquette), Oct. 29 (Kalamazoo), Nov. 1 (East Lansing), Nov. 19 (Bay City), and Nov. 22 (Troy).

UPCOMING FAMILIES FIGHTING FLU WEBINAR

Families Fighting Flu (FFF) invites you to join a webinar on October 16 from 12:00-1:00 to hear from a team of experts about preparing for this flu season. A medical perspective and a personal story will be presented. Register [here](#).

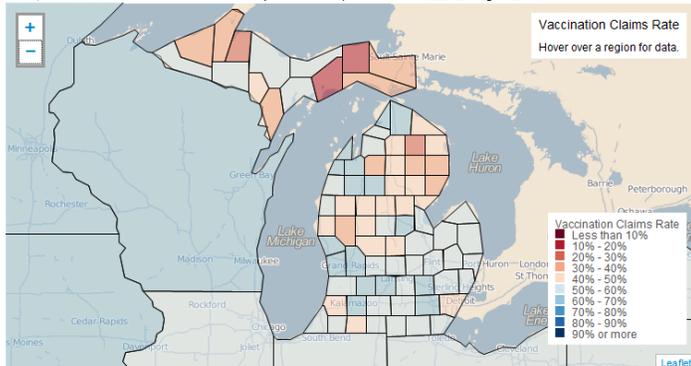
INFLUENZA-RELATED NEWS ARTICLES

- CIDRAP: [Fill-and-finish contracts will boost flu vaccine capacity](#)
- [Egg-allergic children now have no barriers to flu shot](#)
- [CDC shutdown: No in-depth investigations of outbreaks](#)
- [Meijer pharmacies prepare to administer 40% more flu shots this season](#)

FLU VACCINATION MAP USING MEDICARE CLAIMS RATES

A new [online mapping tool](#) developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) has been released. It tracks influenza vaccination claims rates of Medicare beneficiaries in real-time by county and zip code. Below is a screen shot of the map of Michigan counties.

Please note: The mapping tool shows claims data only for those 65 and older and covered by Medicare Fee-for-Service. This includes over two thirds of Americans 65 and over, but this information may not be representative of other age groups. This tool should be used to compare relative vaccination claims rates between different locations, populations and different weeks, months and years. Some flu vaccines given may not be recorded in the claims database due to administration at alternate sites or lags in claims submissions and, as a result, the vaccination claims rates shown here may be an underrepresentation of actual coverage rates.



Demographic: Total Season: 2012-2013
State: Michigan County: Select County Update

NFID INFLUENZA/PNEUMOCOCCAL NEWS CONFERENCE

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) has posted its press release, a transcript, and audio/video recordings from the September 26 influenza/pneumococcal news conference. The [website](#) also includes resources such as CDC summaries of flu vaccine coverage of the general population, healthcare personnel, and pregnant women.

AVIAN INFLUENZA A (H7N9) JOURNAL ARTICLES

- *BMC Medicine*: [Transmission potential of influenza A/H7N9, February to May 2013, China](#)
 - Researchers found virus has low transmission potential, pace of infection slowed after officials closed live-bird markets.
 - Modeling provides tool for monitoring pandemic potential in near real-time.
- CDC: [Updated guidance on antivirals for H7N9 treatment](#)
- CDC: [Updated guidance on antivirals for H7N9 prophylaxis](#)
- WHO: [Recommendation on influenza A\(H7N9\) vaccine virus](#)

INFLUENZA-RELATED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- *Journal of Virology*: [Impact of prior seasonal H3N2 influenza vaccination or infection on protection and transmission of emerging variants of influenza A\(H3N2\)v virus in ferrets](#)
 - Authors concluded the efficiency of A(H3N2)v transmission in ferrets in disrupted by pre-existing immunity induced by seasonal H3N2 virus infection.
- *The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal*: [Influenza vaccination given at least 2 weeks before delivery to pregnant women facilitates transmission of seroprotective influenza-specific antibodies to newborn](#)
 - Flu vaccination at any time during the 2nd and 3rd trimester of pregnancy, but at least 15 days before delivery, conferred seroprotection to majority of neonates.

H5N1 AVIAN INFLUENZA JOURNAL AND NEWS ARTICLES

- [Safety and immunogenicity of a vero cell culture-derived whole-virus H5N1 influenza vaccine in a pediatric population](#)

FLU WEBSITES

www.michigan.gov/flu
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<http://vaccine.healthmap.org/>

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