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## 2013-14 INFLUENZA VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENTS

The 2013-2014 Influenza Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) for Inactivated and Live, Intranasal Influenza vaccines were published on 7/26/13. The new VIS's are posted at [www.michigan.gov/immunize](http://www.michigan.gov/immunize). In Michigan, it is important that vaccine recipients, their parents, or their legal representatives be given the Michigan versions of VIS because they include information about the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR).

## MDCH/MSU 2013-2014 FLU SEASON KICK-OFF WEBINAR

MDCH and MSU are hosting a webinar to kick off the 2013-2014 influenza vaccination season on August 28, 2013 from 12:00-1:00 PM. The target audience is influenza vaccination providers. Register [here](#). We hope you'll join us!

## H3N2 VARIANT VIRUS (H3N2v)

Two new human infections with influenza A (H3N2) variant virus (H3N2v) were reported during the week ending July 20. One was from Indiana, bringing their total to 13, and one was from Ohio, their first case this year. CDC reports no hospitalizations or deaths have occurred, and all 14 cases had close contact with swine in the week prior to illness onset.

- CDC: [Case count: Detected U.S. human infections with H3N2v by state since August 2011](#) (updated July 26)
- CIDRAP: [Indiana, Ohio report new H3N2v cases](#)
- [Indiana and Ohio report new H3N2v human 'swine flu' cases, brings total to 14 for 2013](#)

## NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

August is National Immunization Awareness Month! The National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC), along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has developed a communication [toolkit](#) to highlight the importance of immunizations across the lifespan.

The toolkit focuses on a different population each week of the month:

- Week 1: Off to college (young adults)
- Week 2: Back to school (children)
- Week 3: Not just for kids (adults)
- Week 4: A healthy start (infants and pregnant women)

## FLU WEBSITES

[www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu)  
[www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)  
[www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)  
<http://vaccine.healthmap.org/>

## INFLUENZA-RELATED NEWS ARTICLES

- [Nepali capital records 12 bird flu cases in 13 days](#)
- [China bans Arkansas poultry after mild bird flu strain](#)
- [All staff in medical offices should get flu shots](#)
- [Potential canine flu outbreak at Virginia animal shelter](#)
- [H7N7 detected in 3,400 South African ostriches](#)

## INFLUENZA-RELATED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Researchers found that [maternal influenza vaccine](#) and infant pneumococcal conjugate vaccination better protects infants against acute otitis media and acute respiratory infections than pneumococcal vaccine alone.
- A randomized controlled trial in children demonstrated that hemagglutination-inhibition responses to the added flu B strains were superior with the [quadrivalent](#) influenza vaccine compared with trivalent vaccine.

## AVIAN INFLUENZA A (H7N9)

There were no new cases of human infection with avian influenza A (H7N9) reported this week. The outbreak total remains at 134 cases. There is no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission at this time. The World Health Organization (WHO) said additional reports of human infections would not be surprising, since some live-animal markets reopened at the end of June and the virus could still be circulating in poultry.

## Related Articles:

- [Outbreak patterns of the novel avian influenza \(H7N9\)](#)
- CIDRAP: [Novavax says H7N9 virus-like particle vaccine shows promise in mice](#)
- *Wall Street Journal*: [Novavax publishes positive preclinical efficacy data against H7N9](#)

The following updates on H7N9 are available:

- [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC)
  - [Selected H7N9 Publications and Resources](#)
- [World Health Organization](#) (WHO)
- [Chinese Center for Disease Control & Prevention](#)
- [Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy](#)

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