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## 2014-15 INFLUENZA ACTIVITY

The 2014-15 influenza season officially begins next week! Some states are already beginning to see influenza activity. Now is the perfect time to get flu vaccine, before activity spreads widely in the community.

- [Pittsburgh hospital already seeing influenza patients](#)
- [First influenza case of the season reported in New Mexico](#)
- [South Dakota leads nation in flu vaccination rate](#)
- Flublok®'s expiration date increased from last season's 16 weeks to 6 months from date of production
  - For more info, visit CDC's [website](#)

## 2014 NFID FLU & PNEUMOCOCCAL NEWS CONFERENCE

If you missed it on September 18, the 2014 National Foundation for Infectious Diseases Influenza/Pneumococcal News Conference is archived on their [website](#). CDC's own Tom Frieden, MD, MPH, and other renowned speakers urge the public about the importance of getting an annual flu vaccination.

NFID Press Release: [Health officials urge flu vaccination for all, including healthy adults](#)



## MDCH FALL REGIONAL IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCES

Registration for fall conference is now [open](#)! Make sure you register soon as some locations reach capacity fast.

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| -Oct. 7: Marquette | -Oct. 24: Troy         |
| -Oct. 9: Gaylord   | -Nov. 18: Grand Rapids |
| -Oct. 21: Flint    | -Nov. 19: Kalamazoo    |
| -Oct. 23: Dearborn | -Nov. 21: East Lansing |

## CDC BUSINESS PULSE - FLU EDITION

The CDC Foundation's new edition of Business Pulse focuses on influenza. CDC intends to help businesses and workers protect themselves from flu by offering resources, discussing challenges faced by businesses related to flu, and including an infographic.

CDC's press release can be found [online](#), and the flu edition of Business Pulse can be found [here](#). Share this resource with local businesses in your area so they can protect themselves against flu this year.

## INFLUENZA-RELATED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [Enhanced natural killer-cell and T-cell responses to influenza A virus during pregnancy](#)
  - Pregnancy enhanced immune response to influenza, could drive pulmonary inflammation explaining increased morbidity and mortality
- [Influenza A virus alters pneumococcal nasal colonization and middle ear infection independently of phase variation](#)
  - Flu can enhance ability of *S. pneumoniae* to cause ear and throat infections
- [MMWR: Updated Preparedness and Response Framework for Influenza Pandemics](#)

## OTHER INFLUENZA-RELATED NEWS

- [The importance and benefits of flu vaccine in pregnancy](#)
- [Early clinical trials show H7N9 flu vaccine safe, immunogenic](#)
- [More avian H5N6 detected in ducks in central Vietnam](#)
  - FAO: [Increased concern over latest strain of avian influenza in Southeast Asia](#)
- [CDC Seasonal Flu Doses Distributed](#): ~54.8 million doses distributed in U.S. (week of September 12, 2014)
- [Global influenza update - September 22, 2014](#)

## 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/>

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