

The logo features a blue silhouette of the state of Michigan. The letters 'MI' are positioned to the left of the state outline, and the words 'Immunization Timely Tips' are written in a blue serif font to the right.

MI Immunization Timely Tips

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) February 2016

Michigan Child Dies of Influenza – MDHHS Reminds Providers to Continue Vaccinating Patients against Flu

MDHHS is reminding healthcare providers to vaccinate their patients against the flu following the first reported death of a child in Michigan this season due to influenza.

The reported death was a school-aged child from the Southeast region of Michigan. Although Michigan's flu season has been relatively mild so far, flu activity is increasing in the state and can cause serious illness, hospitalization and death. MDHHS strongly recommends that everyone aged 6 months and older get a seasonal flu vaccine.

In the 2014-2015 flu season, only 44 percent of Michigan residents were vaccinated against flu, putting Michigan in 40th place in the country.

Flu is a vaccine-preventable disease, and everything possible needs to be done to prevent pediatric deaths from influenza. Vaccine is the best way to protect against getting the flu, and there is still time to get vaccinated this flu season.

CDC issued a health alert on February 1 regarding reports of severe flu cases in young- and middle-aged adults. Healthcare providers should promptly start antiviral treatment, ideally within 48 hours of symptom onset, of severely ill patients and high-risk patients if flu is suspected or confirmed – do not wait for lab confirmation. For the CDC health alert, visit <http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00387.asp>.

Looking ahead to the 2016-17 flu season, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meets on February 24 to vote on proposed flu vaccination recommendations for the 2016-17 season. Also, the World Health Organization meets February 22-25 to discuss circulating flu viruses and will make its recommendation for the composition of the 2016-17 Northern Hemisphere flu vaccines. Stay tuned for more information.

For more information about the flu, visit www.michigan.gov/flu.

Flu Websites

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

Dates Announced for Michigan's Annual Fall Immunization Conferences

The MDHHS Fall Regional Immunization Conferences offer an excellent opportunity for health care professionals to get updated on immunization. These conferences have been offered annually for more than 20 years, and consistently receive high ratings from attendees. Their primary goal is to update providers on immunization issues that affect people of all ages.

The conferences are appropriate for nurses, nurse practitioners, medical assistants, public health staff, pharmacists, physicians, physician assistants, medical and nursing students, and anyone interested in learning more about current immunization practice in Michigan.

While the conferences are intended for all immunizing providers representing diverse health care settings, physicians' offices, in particular, may benefit from this immunization update and networking opportunity. However, everyone is welcome to attend this conference, and health care professionals from a variety of settings will find this training opportunity beneficial.

This fall's schedule is: Oct. 11 (Marquette), Oct. 13 (Gaylord), Oct. 25 (Flint Township), Oct. 27 (Troy), Oct. 28 (Dearborn), Nov. 15 (Kalamazoo), Nov. 16 (Grand Rapids), and Nov. 18 (Lansing).

Immunization Quality Improvement AFIX Awards will be presented to eligible practices at each of the conferences. The criteria that will be used to select the award winners is on page 2.

We are still in the early planning stages for these conferences. As more details become available, they will be posted on our [conference website](http://1.usa.gov/1RzZSkW) at <http://1.usa.gov/1RzZSkW>

A Save-the-Date flyer is on page 5. Registration will begin September 7.

Immunization News

- The [Emily Stillman Foundation](#) has posted a new [meningitis B public service announcement](#)
- The [2016 Childhood Immunization Schedule](#) and the [2016 Adult Immunization Schedule](#) were recently released by CDC
- This year, [National Infant Immunization Week](#) is April 16-23, [let CDC know your NIIW activities](#)

2016 Immunization Quality Improvement AFIX Awards Criteria Released – Awards will be Presented at Fall Conferences

Criteria

MDHHS has announced the criteria for the 2016 Immunization Quality Improvement AFIX awards. The awards will be distributed at the 2016 MDHHS Fall Regional Immunization Conferences. There are four categories for these awards: two pediatric and two adolescent. The data will be retrieved from the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) in July 2016. All primary care provider offices with more than 10 patients in the age cohorts will be recognized. Participation in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is not required to be eligible for an award.

Category 1

Immunization providers that have pediatric patients (n>10) 24-36 months old with minimum of 90 percent coverage level for vaccine series: 4:3:1:3:3:1:4:2 (4 doses of DTaP, 3 doses Polio, 1 dose MMR, 3 doses Hib, 3 doses HepB, 1 dose Varicella, 4 doses PCV and 2 doses HepA)

Category 2

Immunization providers that have pediatric patients (n>10) 24-36 months old with minimum of 75 percent coverage level for 2015-2016 seasonal influenza

Category 3

Immunization providers that have adolescent patients (n>10) 13-18 years old with minimum of 90 percent coverage level for vaccine series: 1:3:2:3:2:1:3 (1 dose Tdap, 3 doses polio, 2 doses MMR, 3 doses HepB, 2 doses varicella, 1 dose MCV, 3 doses HPV)

Category 4

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For More Information

- AFIX Immunization Awards: Please contact Stephanie Sanchez, MDHHS AFIX Quality Improvement Coordinator, 517-335-9011 or Sanchezs@michigan.gov
- AFIX program: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/afix/about/overview.html

Michigan Immunization Timely Tips (MITT)

To subscribe to the [Michigan Immunization Timely Tips](#) (MITT) newsletter, send an email to cmarkzon@msms.org and enter the word SUBSCRIBE in the subject line. You will receive this newsletter, as well as additional immunization updates on a periodic basis. MITT is posted at www.michigan.gov/immunize; look under “Health Care Professionals/Providers” > “Provider Education Resources.” For more information, contact Rosemary Franklin at franklinr@michigan.gov.

Adult Vaccines Available at Health Departments

Do you have adults in your practice who are uninsured or underinsured? Did you know that most local health departments carry a limited number of publicly-funded vaccines for adults? The [Helping Your Adult Clients Pay for Vaccines](#) handout contains information on programs to help these clients pay for vaccines.

Below are some specifics on two publicly-funded vaccine programs that are currently available. Please contact your [local health department](#) today to make sure they have these vaccines available and begin referring uninsured or underinsured adults.

MI-VRP (Michigan Vaccine Replacement Program)

- For adults ages 19 years and older who have no insurance or who have insurance that doesn't cover any of the cost of the vaccine
- Provides MMR, Td, Tdap, Hep A, Hep B, and Zoster vaccines for eligible adults
- Available at: Local Health Departments (LHD), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Migrant Health Centers (MHC) and Tribal Health Centers (THC)
- Adults may be charged a vaccine administration fee determined by the clinic site

High Risk Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B Program

- For adolescents and adults at increased risk for Hepatitis A or B infection and whose age/dependency status may be a barrier to seeking health care related to these risks
- Must be in a certain risk group for disease to qualify for vaccine
- Types of clinics who may enroll in the program are: LHDs, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) clinics, Teen Health Centers, and Family Planning Clinics
- Persons may be charged a vaccine administration fee determined by the clinic site

MMWR: Administration Error Involving a Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine

The February 19, 2016, issue of *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* featured an article on an administration error involving meningococcal conjugate vaccine. ([Notes from the Field: Administration Error Involving a Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine – United States, March 1, 2010–September 22, 2015](#))

Failure to prepare Menveo as directed by the manufacturer's instructions can lead to lack of protection against the intended pathogens (*N. meningitidis* serogroups A, C, Y, and/or W-135). Administration of only one vaccine component is not unique to Menveo. Similar errors have been reported for Pentacel, another vaccine packaged as separate liquid (DTaP and inactivated poliovirus vaccine) and lyophilized (*Haemophilus influenzae* type b) components that must be combined before administration. By carefully following instructions included with the vaccine, administration errors with Menveo and similarly packaged vaccines can be prevented.

Resources

- [Quick Look: Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccines For Persons Aged 11 Years and Older](#)
- [Quick Look: Meningococcal Vaccines For Ages 6 Weeks through 10 Years](#)
- [Quick Look: Meningococcal Group B Vaccine \(MenB\)](#)



Catch Spring Fever NOT the Flu

For nearly 40 seasons, flu has peaked in February or later. Don't spend your spring break with the flu.

It's Not Too Late To Get
Vaccinated.



This poster and others are posted at:
<http://www.michigan.gov/flu> Click on "Flu Gallery"

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Division of Immunization

2016 Immunization Quality Improvement AFIX Award Criteria



The Michigan AFIX program is focused on quality improvement of immunizations. The process reviews not only vaccine coverage levels, but also the challenges and barriers occurring at the practice. A quality improvement plan is formulated and identifies strategies that can assist the practice with improving immunization coverage level percentages.

The Local County Health Department Immunization staff conduct annual compliance site visits with provider offices participating in the Vaccine For Children (VFC) program. The visit also includes an AFIX component identifying areas to focus efforts for quality improvement.

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Who Should Attend

Physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, medical assistants, public health staff, pharmacists, physicians, physician assistants, medical and nursing students, practice managers, and other health care professionals who are interested in learning more about current immunization practice in Michigan.

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