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2016–2017 Influenza Vaccine Recommendations

On August 26, 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) released the Prevention and Control of Influenza with Vaccines Report regarding the use of vaccines to prevent and control influenza for the 2016–2017 season.

The comprehensive ACIP report is available online at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/rr/rr6505a1.htm?s_cid=rr6505a1_w and includes complete influenza vaccine recommendations for the 2016–2017 season. The information in this update highlights some, but not all, documentation of the report.

VACCINE HIGHLIGHTS

Routine annual influenza vaccinations are recommended for all persons ages 6 months and older who do not have contraindications to vaccine use. Health care providers should begin offering vaccinations as soon as they become available. The vaccine should continue to be offered throughout the flu season as long as it is available since influenza may not appear in certain communities until May.

Additional information from the ACIP report includes the following topics for the 2016–2017 season:

- Groups recommended for vaccinations and timing of vaccinations.
- Available vaccine products and indications, including new vaccine licensures.
- Vaccine dose considerations for children ages 6 months through 8 years.
- The use of live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) is no longer recommended due to low effectiveness in recent flu seasons.
- Recommended influenza vaccination settings for individuals with a history of egg allergies.
- Vaccine selection and timing of vaccinations for immunocompromised individuals.

Different influenza vaccine preparations have different indications as licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). For the most current information regarding influenza vaccine recommendations, visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/flu.

INFLUENZA VACCINE COMPOSITION FOR 2016–2017

U.S. trivalent influenza vaccines for 2016–2017 contain an A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like virus, an A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2)-like virus and a B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus (Victoria lineage). Quadrivalent influenza vaccines also contain B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (Yamagata lineage), which is the same strain used in trivalent formulations the previous season.

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