

## 2019-20 Minnesota Fall Flu Guide available

The 2019-20 Minnesota Fall Flu Guide is now available on the Influenza Vaccine Information for Health Professionals website ([www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/vaccine/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/vaccine/index.html)). It has been updated to reflect the latest CDC recommendations including additional licensed products for infants and young children (6-35 months) and clarifications to the second-dose schedule for children. You will also find a detailed dosage chart and links to several key resources. The flu guide also contains basic information on flu vaccine and administration. It is a great resource for any vaccinator!

## MenACWY vs. MenB: Are you giving the right one?

Double check your clinic's practices to ensure that you are giving meningococcal vaccines according to ACIP recommendations. All 16 year olds should routinely get MenACWY vaccine. MenB vaccine is an additional meningitis vaccine that covers another strain of meningococcal disease, but MenB is recommended with clinical decision making. This means that clinicians should have a conversation with their patients about receiving the MenB vaccine and then recommend it based on their clinical judgement and request from the patient.

It is important to make sure 16 year olds are receiving the MenACWY vaccine because schools will now report MenACWY booster dose rates to us for 12th graders. Students only receiving MenB will need to return to the clinic for appropriate vaccination before they can attend school. For more information, check out our *Got Your Shots? News* Special Edition: Meningococcal Vaccine Booster Dose ([www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/gys/menmay19.pdf](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/gys/menmay19.pdf)) sent in May 2019.

## New vaccine recommendations published

CDC recently published updated recommendations for several vaccines in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR):

- Japanese Encephalitis: Includes recommendations for who should be vaccinated as well as providing a booster dose for certain travelers. The full recommendations can be found on Japanese Encephalitis ACIP Vaccine Recommendations ([www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/je.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/je.html)).
- HPV: Updates the ages for catch-up vaccination to 26 years for all persons. It describes shared decision making in which persons ages 27-45 years would benefit from HPV vaccination. The full recommendations can be found on Human Papillomavirus (HPV) ACIP Vaccine Recommendations ([www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/hpv.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/hpv.html)).
- Influenza: Provides vaccination recommendations for the 2019-20 influenza season. The full recommendations can be found on Influenza ACIP Vaccine Recommendations ([www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/flu.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/flu.html)).

## Recognizing FluSafe facilities

Congratulations to the 2018-19 FluSafe Facilities ([www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/vaccine/flusafefac.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/vaccine/flusafefac.html))! The FluSafe program recognizes Minnesota hospitals and nursing homes for high flu vaccination rates among their health care personnel. For the 2018-19 flu season, 109 facilities participated in FluSafe and 69 facilities (43 hospitals, 26 nursing homes) were recognized for achieving 90% or higher employee flu vaccination rates. Additionally for this season, FluSafe facilities reported on strategies they used to address barriers to flu vaccination among health care personnel.

Registration for the 2019-20 flu season is open. Instructions to participate and a link to sign-up are available on MDH's FluSafe website ([www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/vaccine/flusafe.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/vaccine/flusafe.html)).

## MnVFC influenza vaccine distribution for 2019-20 season

We are busy filling influenza pre-book orders as doses become available. You can expect to receive a confirmation email when your order is placed in MIIC as well as a confirmation email when it ships. If your site would like to order additional MnVFC influenza vaccine for this season, the *2019-20 MnVFC Pediatric Influenza Order Form* is available on the Ordering MDH Vaccine page ([www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/vaxorder.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/vaxorder.html)).

## MnVFC annual re-enrollment due Nov. 30, 2019

Sites enrolled in the Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) program must renew their enrollment every year by completing required reports and trainings by Nov. 30. Visit the MnVFC Required Reports and Trainings page ([www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/required.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/required.html)) for more detailed information.

## School immunization data updated

School immunization data ([www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/stats/school/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/stats/school/index.html)) for the 2018-19 school year are now available. Immunization rates for kindergarten and seventh graders remain high at 91% or higher for each reported vaccine. This provides a good base for protection; however, some schools and school districts have lower rates creating holes that leave students vulnerable. Find out what is happening in schools in your community.

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