

CONNECTICUT IMMUNIZATION COALITION

CT Adult Immunization Newsletter

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For 2015–16, U.S.-licensed trivalent influenza vaccines will contain hemagglutinin (HA) derived from an A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like virus, an A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 (H3N2)-like virus, and a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like (Yamagata lineage) virus. This represents changes in the influenza A (H3N2) virus and the influenza B virus as compared with the 2014–15 season. Quadrivalent influenza vaccines will contain these vaccine viruses, and a B/Brisbane/60/2008-like (Victoria lineage) virus, which is the same Victoria lineage virus recommended for quadrivalent formulations in 2013–14 and 2014–15 (8)

Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) Updates Flu Handouts

The IAC recently revised their handout for health care professionals. These handout include:

- [Influenza Vaccine Products for the 2015–2016 Influenza Season](#)
- [The screening checklists for contraindications and precautions to vaccination for children/teens and adults](#)
- [How to Administer IM and Subcut Vaccine Injections to Adults](#)
- [Standing Orders for Administering Influenza Vaccine to Children and Adolescents](#)
- [Supplies You May Need at an Immunization Clinic"](#)

2014-2015 Vaccine Coverage

On September 15, 2015, the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality weekly report (MMWR) released the Influenza Vaccination Coverage among [health care personnel](#) and [pregnant women](#) for the 2014 -2015 flu season.

The CT Immunization Coalition is dedicated to the promotion of adult vaccinations for the protection from illness or complications from invasive pneumococcal disease, herpes zoster, pertussis and other vaccine preventable diseases. The coalition also focuses on influenza vaccination throughout the community. Membership is open to any person or agency interested in the scope of adult and influenza vaccinations. Through a diverse membership, the coalition is able respond to the ever-changing issues related to vaccinating the community.

What's New With Flu? CDC's Recommendations and Communication Plans for the 2015-2016 Influenza Season

This webinar was the latest in a series of VICNetwork webinars held on Wednesday, July 19, 2015. The presentation focused on what's new with this year's flu vaccine along with updates on the communication plans by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and partners, and updated resources that will help you with your national, state and local influenza vaccination promotion efforts. Click [here](#) to watch the webinar.

CPHA Annual Meeting and Conference

The 2015 Annual Conference of the Connecticut Public Health Association will be held on Friday, October 23, 2015 at the Coco Key Conference Center in Waterbury, CT from 8am to 4pm. Click [here](#) to register for the conference.

Annual Influenza Update 2015

The Annual Influenza Update was held on September 17, 2015. This conference covered the latest in influenza, pneumococcal, pertussis and other adult vaccination news. Aimed at health professionals, health educators and mass immunizers, the conference presented findings from the previous flu season, new issues, products and pricing we can expect to see in the upcoming season. Presentations discussed billing issues for health departments, new adult vaccine products, changes in ACIP recommendations for adult vaccinations and new vaccination campaigns at CDC.



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