



CVP Update



National Influenza Vaccination Week

December 1-7, 2019 is this year's National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW). NIVW highlights the importance of continuing flu vaccination through the holiday season and beyond. NIVW serves as a reminder that even though the holiday season has arrived, it's not too late to get a flu vaccine.



As long as flu viruses are spreading and causing illness, vaccination should continue throughout the flu season in order to protect as many people as possible against flu. Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season. Additional information and resources for NIVW can be found [here](#).

INFLUENZA

The 2018-19 influenza season was the longest flu season ever reported in the U.S. with the highest number of hospitalizations due to complications from influenza like illness among persons 50-64 years of age.

ACIP recommendations support influenza vaccination for older adults and at risk adults who have underlying chronic conditions which can result in serious illness, hospitalization, and death. The at-risk adults who should receive an influenza vaccination include:

- Adults who have chronic pulmonary (including asthma), cardiovascular (excluding isolated hypertension), renal, hepatic, neurologic, hematologic, or metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus);
- Persons who are immunocompromised due to any cause;
- Women who are or will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- Travelers who want to reduce the risk of exposure;
- American Indians/Alaska Natives; and
- Persons who are extremely obese (body mass index ≥ 40 for adults).

Providers are urged to give a strong recommendations to all their patients eligible to receive flu vaccination age 6 months and older, with particular attention on the at-risk populations to ensure that the impact/burden of influenza infections leading to hospitalizations can be mitigated among these vulnerable populations.

Flu Vaccination Coverage in the U.S. during the 2018–19 Influenza Season: The [September 26 FluVaxView report](#) provides national estimates by age group and race/ethnicity, state-level estimates, and links to additional tables such as place of influenza vaccination, estimates for children, and more detailed age groups by race/ethnicity.

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Influenza Update Video

The recommendation for the annual flu vaccination means that health care providers should remain up to date in their knowledge of influenza vaccination practices.

This web-on-demand [video](#) addresses frequently asked questions about influenza vaccine storage, handling, and administration recommendations, and best practices for the 2019–20 influenza season.



Current data can be found at:

[National Flu Report](#)

[CT Weekly Flu Report](#)



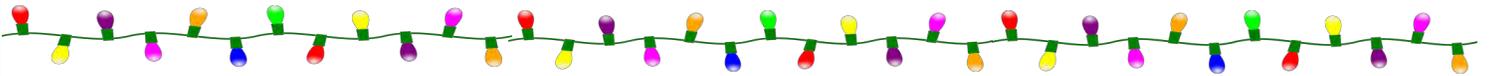
Tdap and Td

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met October 23–24, 2019. ACIP voted that Tdap can be used in situations in which Td is indicated for 1) the recommended 10-year tetanus booster, 2) tetanus vaccine for wound management, and 3) as a catch-up vaccine anytime an additional dose of tetanus and diphtheria vaccine is needed for someone over 7 years of age, including pregnant women. These recommendations have been adopted by the CDC director and will become official once published in *MMWR*.

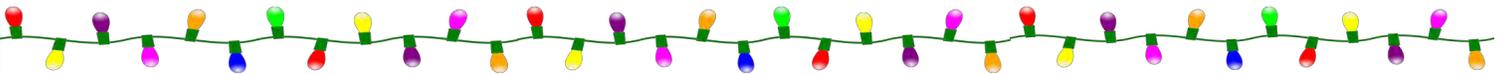
Resources

Website and Toolkit to fight against anti-vaccine social media attacks

In response to a week-long, global, and coordinated attack from anti-vaccine groups nearly two years ago, [Kids Plus Pediatrics](#), an independent, physician-owned practice in Pennsylvania, launched a new website and toolkit, [Shots Heard Round the World](#). This volunteer, vetted, online digital cavalry will come to the aid of any provider, practice, hospital, or health system attacked by anti-vaccine forces on social media.



Vaccine Information Statements (VISs): Don't forget to give a VIS every time you give a flu shot! There are two updated VIS for use during the upcoming influenza season: [live, attenuated influenza vaccine](#) and [inactivated influenza vaccine](#). Providers are encouraged to begin using the updated VIS immediately, but existing printed stocks may be used until they are gone.



Updated [You Call the Shots Influenza Module](#): Learn about Influenza vaccines, indications and contraindications for vaccination, and vaccine administration. Continuing education (CE) is available for viewing a module and completing an evaluation.

Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll

The Immunization Action Coalition is pleased to announce that eight new institutions have been accepted into its [Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll](#).

[Check out all the CT Hospitals listed and see if your hospital is eligible.](#)

**COMPLETE YOUR 2020
PROVIDER RE-ENROLLMENT
EARLY AND BE ENTERED TO
WIN A CT WIZ SWAG BAG!**



**Annual Provider Re-Enrollments
are due December 13, 2019**

If you complete it early, you will be entered to win a swag bag. Each week (Friday at 3pm), we will pick 2 winners and they will be notified by email.

It's always better to do it early & the earlier you complete it, the more chances to win!

For more information and to see our step-by-step video please visit:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/CVP--Provider-Profile-Enrollment Reenrollment>

Thank you to all of the practices that enrolled by 11/19/19.

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AFC URGENT CARE/SHELTON	PIN# 5644	FAIRFIELD PEDIATRICS	PIN# 1207
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Candy Land Was Invented for Polio Wards

A schoolteacher created the popular board game, which celebrates its 70th anniversary this year, for quarantined children. An Object Lesson.

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The 1949 Candy Land board depicts a boy in a leg brace, like many polio patients had to wear. COURTESY OF THE STRONG MUSEUM, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

If you were a child at some point in the past 70 years, odds are you played the board game Candy Land. According to the toy historian Tim Walsh, a staggering 94 percent of mothers are aware of Candy Land, and more than 60 percent of households with a 5 year old child own a set. The game continues to sell about 1 million copies every year.

You know how it goes: Players race down a sinuous but linear track, its spaces tinted one of six colors or marked by a special candy symbol. They draw from a deck of cards corresponding to the board's colors and symbols. They move their token to the next space that matches the drawn color or teleport to the space matching the symbol. The first to reach the end of the track is the winner.

Nothing the participants say or do influences the outcome; the winner is decided the second the deck is shuffled, and all that remains is to see it revealed, one draw at a time. It is a game absent strategy, requiring little thought. Consequently, many parents hate Candy Land as much as their young kids enjoy it.

Yet for all its simplicity and limitations, children still love Candy Land, and adults still buy it. What makes it so appealing? The answer may have something to do with the game's history: It was invented by Eleanor Abbott, a schoolteacher, in a polio ward during the epidemic of the 1940s and '50s.

The outbreak had forced children into extremely restrictive environments. Patients were confined by equipment, and parents kept healthy children inside for fear they might catch the disease. Candy Land offered the kids in Abbott's ward a welcome distraction—but it also gave immobilized patients a liberating fantasy of movement. That aspect of the game still resonates with children today.



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