

EPI Update for Friday, August 26, 2011
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Items for this week's EPI Update include:

- **Influenza vaccine recommendations**
- **New zoonotic disease website**
- **Meeting announcements and training opportunities**

Influenza vaccine recommendations

It's estimated that between 166 and 173 million doses of influenza vaccine will be available in the U.S. this season; this season's flu vaccine has already begun arriving in Iowa. Vaccinations should begin as the vaccine is available.

- This season's flu vaccine contains A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like, A/Perth/16/2009 (H3N2)-like, and B/Brisbane/60/2008-like.
- Flu vaccines are recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older.
- Children 6 months through 8 years receiving the flu vaccine for the first time require two doses of influenza vaccine (administered a minimum of four weeks apart) to optimize immune response.
 - Since this season's vaccine strains are unchanged from last year, children in this age group who received at least one dose of the 2010-11 seasonal vaccine will require only one dose of the 2011-12 vaccine.
 - Children in this age group who did not receive one dose of the 2010-11 seasonal influenza vaccine (or if it is unknown if the 2010-11 seasonal vaccine was received) should receive two doses of the 2011-12 seasonal influenza vaccine.
 - *Note: in previous years, children 6 months through 8 years who received only one dose of influenza vaccine in their first year of vaccination required two doses the following season.*

Additional information can be found at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm60e0818.pdf.

New zoonotic disease website

CADE has launched a new website dedicated to diseases transmitted between animals and humans (zoonotic diseases). This website includes disease factsheets and other resources from Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, the CDC, IDPH and more. Please visit the website at www.idph.state.ia.us/cade/zoonotic.aspx.

Meeting announcements and training opportunities

The 2011 TB Case Management Conference will be held September 27-28, 2011 at the Genesis Hospital Adler Education Center, Davenport, Iowa. For more information, visit www.heartlandntbc.org/training.asp.

Have a healthy, happy week!

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