

Epi Update for Friday, October 6, 2023

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Items for this week's Epi Update include

- Resources for the 2023-24 influenza season
- Infographic: Fight flu

Resources for the 2023-24 influenza season

The 2023-24 influenza surveillance season officially started on October 1. With this in mind, listed below are a number of influenza and respiratory virus resources. Refer to this page throughout the season for updated data, vaccination and health care provider guidance, surveillance reporting, and more.

- *Iowa HHS Respiratory Virus Surveillance Webinar* on Wednesday October 11 at 10 AM
 - To register, visit www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_HDcdIYKoTuKJ56PWvHNjvA
- CDC 2023-2024 influenza season information, including vaccination guidelines, health care provider guidance, disease activity metrics, and more.
 - Available at www.cdc.gov/flu/season/index.html
- *Weekly Iowa Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report*
 - The first report of the 2023-24 season will be published on October 13.
 - Click the blue button at the top of the page to receive the report directly via email each week.
 - Visit hhs.iowa.gov/influenza/reports
- Survey links for surveillance sites
 - Iowa Respiratory Virus Laboratory Survey:
 - Available at redcap.link/iowalabs23-24
 - Iowa School Illness Surveys
 - Weekly school illness reporting: redcap.link/iowaweeklyschoo23-24
 - 10% daily school illness absenteeism reporting: redcap.link/iowaschool10pct23-24
 - Long-term Care Respiratory Outbreak Reporting
 - Long-term care facilities must report suspected respiratory outbreaks to Iowa HHS. See hhs.iowa.gov/influenza/ltc-facilities for more information.
 - Reporting link available at redcap.idph.state.ia.us/surveys/?s=ALLL97K8KMNMX8AF
- Influenza and COVID-19 Surveillance Testing
 - Final surveillance guidance for the 2023-2024 influenza season will be announced during the *Iowa HHS Respiratory Virus Surveillance Webinar* on October 11.
 - At this time, Iowa health care providers and laboratories can submit one positive influenza specimen and up to 10 positive SARS-CoV-2 specimens per week for surveillance testing.
 - A subset of influenza specimens will be forwarded to national and regional laboratories to aid national antiviral resistance and vaccine candidate selection efforts.

Infographic: Fight flu



**GET YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY
VACCINATED!**

A yearly flu vaccine is the first
and most important step in
protecting against flu viruses.

#FIGHT FLU



To view in full size, visit

www.cdc.gov/flu/images/resource-center/toolkit/social-media-toolkit/Take3_GetVaccinated_Twitter.jpg

Have a healthy and happy week!

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