National Influenza Vaccination Week is great time to remind everyone 6 months and older that a flu vaccine is the best way to protect against flu and there is still time to be vaccinated.

According to the CDC:
- Seasonal influenza activity is elevated across the country.
- The majority of influenza viruses detected this season have been influenza A(H3N2) viruses, but the proportion of subtyped influenza A viruses that are A(H1N1) is increasing slightly.
- Pediatric influenza-associated deaths have been reported this season.
- As of mid-November, there have been at least 4.4 million illnesses, 38,000 hospitalizations, and 2,100 deaths from flu this season.
- The cumulative hospitalization rate in the FluSurv-NET system is higher than the rate observed in week 45 during every previous season since 2010-2011.
- The majority of influenza viruses tested are in the same genetic subclade as and antigenically similar to the influenza viruses included in this season’s influenza vaccine.
2022/2023 INFLUENZA VACCINATION GUIDANCE

Vaccinate those 6 months+ without a contraindication

2 doses for children under 8 who have not received \( \geq 2 \) total doses of tri- or quadrivalent flu vaccine \( \geq 4 \) weeks apart before 7/1/22

2 doses for children under 8 whose influenza vaccination history is unknown

Multiple product options available depending on age

Pregnant people can and should receive a flu vaccine

Flu vaccines can be coadministered with COVID-19 and other vaccines
REMINDER RECALLS IN I-CARE
Identify patients overdue for their flu vaccine by:

1. Deciding on an age range to focus on.
2. Then, run a query for those patients who are over 30 days overdue for vaccination.
3. Next, run the same query in your EHR.
4. Pull the records for everyone who came up on the lists.
5. Consider using postcards, letters, patient portals, text messages, or phone calls to contact identified patients.
RESOURCES

CLINICAL GUIDANCE

ICAAP 2022-2023 Flu Vaccine Toolkit

CDC Summary of Recommendations

AAP Recommendations for Prevention and Control of Influenza in Children, 2022-2023

CDC Flu Surveillance

IDPH Flu Surveillance

Chicago Flu Surveillance

OUTREACH MATERIALS

ICAAP 2022-2023 Flu Vaccine Toolkit

CDC National Influenza Vaccination Week Toolkit

Frequently Asked Influenza (Flu) Questions: 2022-2023 Season

Healthy Children: Which Flu Vaccine Should Children Get?
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Find social media images that you can share through your own platforms [HERE](#). Suggested wording to go with them:

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