

# Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2013–2014

On September 20, 2013, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published *Prevention and Control of Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) — United States, 2013–14 Influenza Season Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) September, 20, 2013 / 62(RR07);1-43*. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/> to read the entire document.

Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged  $\geq 6$  months. For the 2013–14 influenza season:

- It is expected that trivalent live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV3) will be replaced by a quadrivalent LAIV formulation (LAIV4).
- Inactivated influenza vaccines (IIVs) will be available in both trivalent (IIV3) and quadrivalent (IIV4) formulations.
- Vaccine virus strains included in the 2013–14 U.S. trivalent influenza vaccines will be an A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)–like virus, an H3N2 virus antigenically like the cell-propagated prototype virus A/Victoria/361/2011, and a B/Massachusetts/2/2012–like virus.
- Quadrivalent vaccines will include an additional influenza B virus strain, a B/Brisbane/60/2008–like virus, intended to ensure that both influenza B virus antigenic lineages (Victoria and Yamagata) are included in the vaccine.
- This report describes recently approved vaccines, including LAIV4, IIV4, trivalent cell culture-based inactivated influenza vaccine (ccIIV3), and trivalent recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV3).
- No preferential recommendation is made for one influenza vaccine product over another for persons for whom more than one product is otherwise appropriate.

The Immunization Section supports the ACIP recommendations that health care workers and those who have contact with vulnerable persons be vaccinated, not only to protect themselves, but also for those to whom they serve and care. Anyone who wants protection from influenza should be vaccinated, and health care providers should recommend vaccination at every opportunity to all eligible persons. Health care providers should offer influenza vaccine as soon as it becomes available and should continue to offer it throughout the influenza season (i.e., as long as influenza viruses are circulating in the community).

The CDC and the Immunization Section have developed influenza educational materials found online at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/> and <http://www.immunizeFlorida.org/flu>.