



# Dutchess County Department of Health Public Health Advisory\*

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## **2010-2011 Influenza Vaccine Recommendations**

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*Please Distribute to: Healthcare Providers, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, Primary Care, Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, Critical Care, Nursing Homes, and Infection Control staff.*

- ◇ **Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) encourages health care providers to vaccinate all their patients against influenza Autumn/Winter 2010**
- ◇ **The 2010-2011 trivalent seasonal influenza vaccine is comprised of the following:**
  - **A/California/7/09 (H1N1)-like virus (pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza virus**
  - **A/Perth /16/2009 (H3N2)-like virus**      • **B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus**

DCDOH encourages Healthcare Providers to offer all their patients the 2010-2011 influenza vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends influenza vaccination for individuals six months of age and older to protect themselves and vulnerable populations against influenza.

All children 6 months through 8 years of age are recommended to receive 2 doses of 2010-11 influenza vaccine. If possible, the first dose should be given as soon as vaccine becomes available. The second dose should be given 28 or more days after the first dose.

Children 6 months of age through 8 years may only need one dose if they meet the following conditions:

- At least 1 dose of 2009 H1N1 vaccine last flu season, **AND** at least 1 dose of seasonal vaccine ***prior*** to the 2009-2010 flu season

**OR**

- At least 1 dose of 2009 H1N1 vaccine last flu season **AND** 2 doses of seasonal influenza vaccine last flu season

The following websites have information related to influenza vaccine:

- NYS Vaccines for Children Program - [http://www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/vaccines\\_for\\_children.htm](http://www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/vaccines_for_children.htm)
- Influenza Vaccine Distributor Information— <http://www.flusupplynews.com/resources.cfm>
- Influenza Vaccine Availability Tracking System (IVATS) - [http://www.preventinfluenza.org/ivats/ivats\\_healthcare.asp](http://www.preventinfluenza.org/ivats/ivats_healthcare.asp).

Thank you for your assistance, additional information is available at the Dutchess County Department of Health Immunization program at **(845) 486- 3409** or you may call the NYSDOH Bureau of Immunization at 518-473-4437.

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