



MI Immune

Immunization Timely Tips

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First two influenza cases of the 2010-11 flu season are confirmed in Michigan

On Oct. 18, MDCH confirmed two cases of influenza, the first identified by the state laboratory during the 2010-2011 Michigan flu season. The illnesses occurred in an adult male and an adult female, both from Oakland County, neither of whom was hospitalized. One of the viruses has been confirmed as influenza A/H3 and the other as the 2009 influenza A/H1N1 subtype, according to officials at the state's public health laboratory in Lansing. Based on MDCH reports, CDC has upgraded Michigan's flu activity to "sporadic," the lowest of four influenza activity categories the federal government tracks. Nationally, both influenza A and influenza B viruses have been seen already this season. MDCH recommends pursuing culture confirmation on early season influenza samples until influenza is actively circulating in your community. For information on influenza specimen submissions, visit www.michigan.gov/documents/DCH-0772_7497_7.pdf. For information on influenza, visit www.michigan.gov/flu.

IAC's honor roll for patient safety includes MI organizations

The Immunization Action Coalition's (IAC's) [Honor Roll for patient safety](#) recognizes stellar examples of flu vaccination mandates in healthcare settings. In Michigan, five institutions and two medical practices are now enrolled:

- Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo
- Battle Creek Health System, Battle Creek
- Michigan State University/Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies
- Spectrum Health Hospitals, Grand Rapids
- Northern Michigan Regional Health System, Petoskey
- Advantage Health/Saint Mary's Medical Group, Grand Rapids
- Children's Medical Group of Saginaw Bay, Bay City & Saginaw

To find specific information on the mandates of the enrolled organizations or to submit your organization's application for the honor roll, go to www.immunize.org/honor-roll.

Currently flu materials are being updated for the 2010-11 influenza season. Stay up-to-date with:

MDCH: www.michigan.gov/flu

CDC: www.cdc.gov/flu

HHS: www.flu.gov

Free flu resources (CDC)

[Free flyers, brochures, and posters](#) are available for downloading to help you share information about flu and how people can protect themselves.

Press on ACIP Meeting Oct. 27-28 - MCV4 and Tdap news

- [CDC advisors recommend steps to fill pertussis vaccine gaps](#)
- [ACIP Recommends Meningococcal Booster for Teens](#)

Documenting immunizations in EMRs

Electronic Medical Records (EMRs) are the future of medical documentation. Any EMR system under consideration by immunization providers must include the following required documentation elements: 1) date of administration of the vaccine, 2) vaccine manufacturer and lot number of the vaccine, 3) name and title, if appropriate, and address of the person administering the vaccine (i.e., address where the medical record will be maintained), 4) date printed on the appropriate VIS, and 5) date the VIS was (were) given to the vaccine recipient [or the parent(s) or legal representative(s)]. Documenting the site of the vaccination given (i.e., left arm) and the route of vaccination (IM or SC) is also encouraged.

Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers are required to note the VFC eligibility status of children who are less than 19 years of age.

State law in Michigan (Public Act 91 of 2006) requires documenting immunizations in the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) for all persons less than 19 years of age. Therefore, any EMR under consideration for purchase must be compatible with MCIR.

For more information on the Medicaid electronic health record incentive program in Michigan, see www.MichiganHealthIT.org.

Michigan coverage levels increasing

The 2009 CDC National Immunization Survey (NIS) of the vaccination coverage for children 19-35 months of age shows that healthcare providers are doing an outstanding job of immunizing children in Michigan. When immunization levels are compared across the country, state-to-state, Michigan's rankings are excellent:

- 4th DTaP: #1
- Birth Dose HepB: #1
- 3rd Polio: #2
- 4th PCV: #2
- 4:3:1:0:3:1:4: #5

This high level of protection for children in Michigan has been achieved thanks to your commitment and hard work. Please know that we deeply appreciate the service and commitment you make to protect children from vaccine-preventable diseases.

(4:3:1:0:3:1:4 - 4 doses of DTaP, 3 doses of polio, 1 dose of MMR, 3 doses of hepatitis B, 1 dose of varicella vaccine and 4 doses of PCV. Hib vaccine is excluded.)

Immunization programs for physicians and staff

The Immunization Nurse Education Program, a joint venture between the Michigan Department of Community Health and local health departments, is designed to bring updated immunization information to your office. Through this program, experienced and knowledgeable nurses bring up-to-date immunization information to office staff, in order to help healthcare personnel stay current on immunization practices.

The Physician Peer Education Project on Immunization (PPEPI) delivers free immunization education to physicians. The modules are brought to providers at Grand Rounds, medical staff meetings and conferences.

More information about these programs is posted on the MDCH Division of Immunization's website. [Immunization Education Opportunities for Healthcare Personnel](#) is located at www.michigan.gov/immunize under the Provider Information category.

Let us help you stay current on immunization recommendations and practices. Do your part to keep Michigan's residents safe from vaccine-preventable diseases by staying up to date on immunization issues.

New & updated hepatitis educational resources

Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention:

Hepatitis B and a Healthy Baby - audio/visual in English, Mandarin Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Hmong, and Taglish <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/Partners/Perinatal/PeriHepB-Education.htm>

Hepatitis B and Your Healthy Baby - visual-only slide set (English) – <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/Partners/Perinatal/Presentations/HealthyBaby/SlideGenHB.htm?slide=01>

Downloadable fact sheets on viral hepatitis - www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/Resources/PatientEdResources.htm

CDC Expert Commentary: Screening Asian Patients for Chronic Hepatitis B - www.medscape.com/viewarticle/729610

CDC Hepatitis Twitter - <http://twitter.com/CDCChep>

For more information on viral hepatitis please visit CDC at - www.cdc.gov/hepatitis or call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636)

Michigan hepatitis resources

[Michigan's Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program \(PHBPP\) program manual](#)

Websites for hepatitis resources

A [comprehensive list of hepatitis websites and resources](#) is posted on the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) website. Check it out today!

2010 AIM Outstanding Achievement Awards

The AIM Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes individuals, community groups, or corporations whose work has demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics:

- 1) consistently contributed to raising and improving immunizations;
- 2) provided outstanding and recognizable improvement in the immunization process; or
- 3) promoted the cause of immunizations by involving providers and communities in immunization programming.

The AIM Coalition received an unprecedented number of nominations, with 29 well-qualified candidates being nominated from across all regions of the state.

AIM members recently voted to select the winners of the 2010 AIM Outstanding Achievement Award. Julie Lantz from Mason Family Practice-Sparrow Health System received the individual award and Holland Pediatrics Associates received the organizational award. Awards are being presented at the 2010 Fall Regional Immunization Conferences.

Congratulations to this year's winners and to all of the deserving nominees! See www.aimtoolkit.org for more information about this award.

Coalition seeking additional sponsors for the 2011 AIM Kit

The AIM Provider Tool Kits are made possible through the generous donations of more than a dozen Michigan-based health care organizations. The sponsors' names are included on the AIM home page at www.aimtoolkit.org. (see bottom of web page).

We are seeking additional sponsors for the 2011 AIM Kit. Please contact Morgan Brooks at mbrooks@mha.org for information on how your organization can become a sponsor of the 2011 AIM Toolkit.

The AIM Coalition plans to have the 2011 AIM Kits completed in early spring.

Subscribe to the Immunization Action Coalition

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) is known for its accurate and timely publications which are provided free of charge. Subscribe to its online educational publications by visiting www.immunize.org/subscribe and selecting any or all of the publications you would like to receive.

Join the Flu Advisory Board (FAB)

Interested healthcare professionals are invited to become involved in the Flu Advisory Board (FAB). To join FAB, contact Cristi Carlton at carltonc2@michigan.gov.

Subscribe to the MMWR

To subscribe to CDC's weekly Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), go to <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>.

Michigan's Immunization Timely Tips (MITT)

MITT is posted at www.michigan.gov/immunize, under the Provider Information section.