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Immunization Action Coalition Receives Major Award from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC), publisher of *Needle Tips*, and the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are entering into a cooperative agreement with important implications for healthcare professionals and their patients. The award is for \$1.4 million over five years.

This cooperative agreement will support three of IAC's current key functions: (1) creation and distribution of weekly editions of *IAC Express* to IAC's email subscribers; (2) publication of "Ask the Experts," a forum in which CDC and IAC immunization experts answer questions from healthcare professionals who provide immunization services; and (3) creation of new immunization education materials designed to respond to the needs of immunization providers, parents, and patients. Importantly, the new agreement also makes IAC the nation's central clearinghouse for Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) in languages other than English. The award supports central coordination and distribution of VIS trans-

lations, as well as translation of a limited number of VISs.

VISs are the foundation of patient- and parent-centered vaccination delivery. Mandated by the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, these information sheets help ensure that families receive essential information about each vaccine including, for example, the vaccine's benefits and potential side effects. Proper distribution of the VISs will inform vaccine recipients, or their parents or legal representatives, about the vaccine prior to receiving a dose. Providing this important information in a wide array of languages upholds IAC's and CDC/NCIRD's shared dedication to giving all Americans access to the vaccination information they need.

"This partnership between CDC and IAC will significantly improve the immunization information available to those patients and parents who are best communicated with in languages other than English," said IAC's Executive Director, Deborah Wexler, MD.

Ask the Experts

IAC extends thanks to our experts, medical epidemiologist Andrew T. Kroger, MD, MPH; nurse educator Donna L. Weaver, RN, MN; and medical epidemiologist William L. Atkinson, MD, MPH. All are with the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

If a child younger than age 9 years did not receive a flu vaccine last year but did receive 2 doses of influenza vaccine the previous year, how many doses of flu vaccine should the child receive this year?

ACIP's influenza recommendations for children

age 6 months through 8 years have changed for the 2011–12 season. According to the new algorithm, such a child needs 2 doses of influenza vaccine this influenza season, separated by at least 4 weeks. Here is a summary:

A child's influenza vaccination history prior to the 2010–11 influenza season is irrelevant to determining the number of influenza vaccine doses needed for a child age 6 months through 8 years. Ignore any influenza vaccine (including monovalent) received prior to the 2010–11 season.

Children age 6 months through 8 years who are receiving influenza vaccine for the FIRST time should receive 2 doses, separated by at least 4 weeks.

Children whose influenza vaccination status from the previous season is not known should also receive 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart.

Children age 6 months through 8 years who did not receive AT LEAST 1 dose of the 2010–11 vaccine should also receive 2 doses, separated by at least 4 weeks, REGARDLESS of their previous influenza vaccination history.

Children age 6 months through 8 years who received 1 dose of seasonal influenza vaccine during the 2010–11 season need ONLY 1 dose this season. This is because the vaccine strains are the same this season as last season.

You may find this Immunization Action Coalition handout helpful: www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3093.pdf.

If a child age 2 through 8 years needs 2 doses of influenza vaccine and receives TIV as the first dose, does the second dose have to be

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- Email nipinfo@cdc.gov
- Call your state health dept. (phone numbers at www.immunize.org/coordinators)