Influenza Vaccine

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1. UNDERSTANDING WHAT IS AVAILABLE

There are several different types of influenza vaccines available. Some of these vaccines are made from the live influenza virus, and others are made from inactivated influenza viruses. Live, attenuated influenza vaccines are given as a single-dose intranasal spray and are usually recommended for healthy children ages 2 through 17. Inactivated influenza vaccines are typically given as a single intramuscular injection and are usually recommended for people of all ages, including healthy children.

2. THE SITUATION FOR HEALTHY CHILDREN

Live, attenuated influenza vaccines (LAIV) are currently available for healthy children ages 2 through 17. These vaccines are given as a single dose and are usually recommended for healthy children. Inactivated influenza vaccines are typically given as a single intramuscular injection and are usually recommended for people of all ages, including healthy children.

3. WHERE TO GET THE VACCINE

You can get the influenza vaccine at your doctor's office, local health department, or other locations that offer vaccines. Your doctor or nurse will discuss the benefits and risks of the vaccine with you and answer any questions you may have. It is important to get vaccinated every year to protect yourself and others from influenza.

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4. How is inactivated influenza vaccine (LAIV) administered?

- Administer LAIV intranasally to healthy persons aged 2-17 years.
- Administer 2 doses for persons aged 5-17 years.
- Administer 4 doses for persons aged 18-49 years.

5. How is the vaccine obtained?

- Contact your state or local health department for information on vaccine availability.
- Visit the CDC website for more information on vaccine safety: [www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/)

6. What is the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP)?

- The VICP is a federal program that provides compensation for vaccine-related injuries.
- Visit the HRSA website for more information on the VICP: [www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation](http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation)

7. Is there a Federal Influenza Law (FLI)?

- Yes, FLI provides compensation for vaccine-related injuries.
- Visit the CDC website for more information on FLI: [www.cdc.gov/ftu](http://www.cdc.gov/ftu)

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