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Updates on Influenza Vaccination in Children.

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Abstract

Influenza vaccination is recommended for all children 6 months of age and older who do not have contraindications. This article provides an overview of information concerning burden of influenza among children in the United States; US-licensed influenza vaccines; vaccine immunogenicity, effectiveness, and safety; and recent updates relevant to use of these vaccines in pediatric populations. Influenza antiviral medications are discussed. Details concerning vaccine-related topics may be found in the current US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations for use of influenza vaccines (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/flu.html>). Additional information on influenza antivirals is located at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/antivirals/index.htm>.

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