

TO: EZIZ Users
FROM: CDPH
SUBJECT: Influenza vaccination of children with neurologic disorders
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Dear EZIZ Users:

The Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) ask for your help in urging your pediatric patients and clients with neurologic disorders and developmental disabilities to get vaccinated against influenza each year. See the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [letter to health care providers](#).

From 2003-2004 through 2012-2013 influenza seasons, 135 influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported in California. Among these deaths, 85 cases (63%) had underlying medical conditions that put them at increased risk for severe complications from influenza and at higher risk for death from influenza. Among these children with underlying medical conditions, 12 (14.1%) received the influenza vaccine, 32 (37.6%) did not receive the vaccine, and for 41 cases (48.2%) it was unknown whether they received the vaccine. For more information, visit the [CDC developmental disabilities webpage](#).

CDC Webinar: Save the date!

Protecting Children at Highest Risk for Influenza Complications

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2013

Time: 11:00 am -12:00 pm Pacific Time

Overview: Children with chronic medical conditions, including asthma, diabetes, and neurologic and neurodevelopmental disorders, are at higher risk for influenza-associated complications. Using antiviral therapies early and aggressively in these vulnerable children can lessen the impact of influenza infection. Clinicians have a critical role in taking action to immunize these children and their close contacts. During this COCA Call, subject matter experts from CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics will discuss strategies that primary care providers and medical subspecialists can use in partnership with parents to improve influenza prevention and control in children at highest risk.

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