

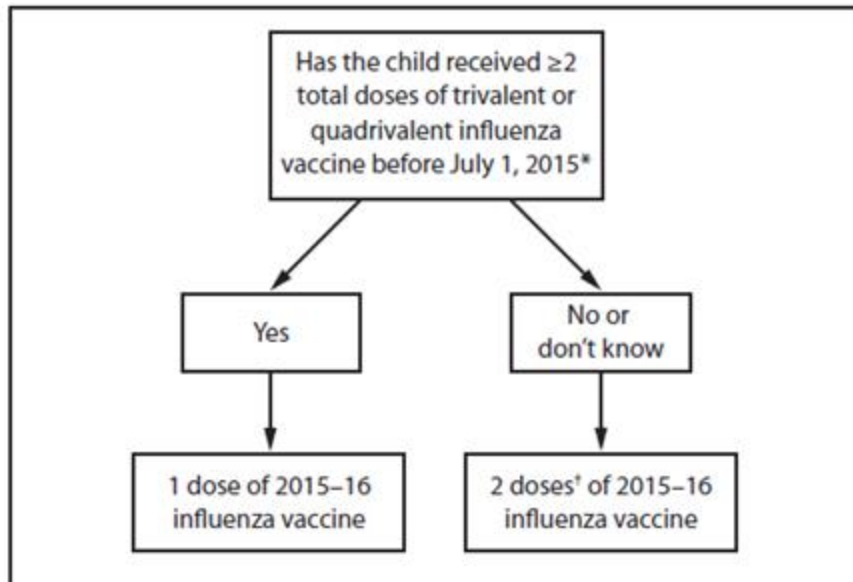
**TO:** EZIZ Users  
**FROM:** CDPH  
**SUBJECT:** 2015-2016 Influenza Vaccine Recommendations: A Summary of What's Different This Season  
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Dear EZIZ users,

Flu season is around the corner. In preparation, we'd like to call your attention to what has changed this season:

- 1. Healthy children 2 years and older may receive either inactivated or live influenza vaccine** – there is no preferential recommendation this season.
- 2. Two [A (H3N2) and B/Yamagata] vaccine virus strains have been updated\***
  - a. All 2015-16 influenza trivalent (three-component) vaccines are made to protect against the following three viruses:
    - an A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
    - \*an A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 (H3N2)-like virus
    - \*a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus. (This is a B/Yamagata lineage virus)
  - b. In addition to the three strains listed above, the quadrivalent vaccine also protects against B/Brisbane/60/2008-like (Victoria lineage) virus component.
- 3. The dosing algorithm for children 6 months through 8 years of age has been adjusted:** <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6430a3.htm#Fig1>



\* The two doses need not have been received during the same season or consecutive seasons.

† Doses should be administered ≥4 weeks apart.

#### 4. Newly licensed products for adult immunization include:

- a. One [jet injector device](#) (the PharmaJet Stratis 0.5ml Needle-free Jet Injector) is approved for delivery of one particular flu vaccine (AFLURIA® by bioCSL Inc.) in ages 18-64 years.
- b. [Flublok®](#), previously approved for ages 18-49 years, is now indicated for persons 18 years and older.
- c. [Fluzone® Intradermal Quadrivalent](#) is approved for ages 18-64 years and is likely to replace the trivalent intradermal vaccine.