



December 1, 2022

**Public Health Advisory: Influenza RSV Season 2022-2023**

**RSV Addendum**

November 4, 2022, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a Health Advisory summarizing early, elevated respiratory disease incidence caused by multiple viruses including RSV, influenza and SARS-CoV-2.

Texas Department of State Health Services would like to start collecting data for positive RSV cases. We have modified our attached reporting form as well as our electronic reporting form to include RSV cases.

Please fax the attached reporting form to 806-378-6307 by noon each Monday or call 806-378-6341 to obtain a link for quick and easy electronic reporting.

**Flu Vaccine Information**

- Annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged  $\geq 6$  months who do not have contraindications.
- Influenza vaccine should be offered during September or October; however, vaccination should continue throughout the season as long as influenza viruses are circulating.
- All seasonal influenza vaccines expected to be available for the 2022–23 season are quadrivalent.
- ACIP recommends that adults aged  $\geq 65$  years preferentially receive any one of the following higher dose or adjuvanted influenza vaccines: quadrivalent high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine (HD-IIV4), quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV4), or quadrivalent adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine (aIIV4). If none of these three vaccines is available at an opportunity for vaccine administration, then any other age-appropriate influenza vaccine should be used.
- Persons with an egg allergy may receive any licensed, recommended influenza vaccine that is otherwise appropriate, while taking certain precautions depending on the allergy symptoms and the vaccine being given.
- Women who are or might become pregnant during the influenza season should receive influenza vaccine.
- Afluria Quadrivalent is not expected to be available in a 0.25ml prefilled syringe presentation. When using Afluria Quadrivalent for children who require a 0.25ml dose, the dose must be obtained from a multidose vial.

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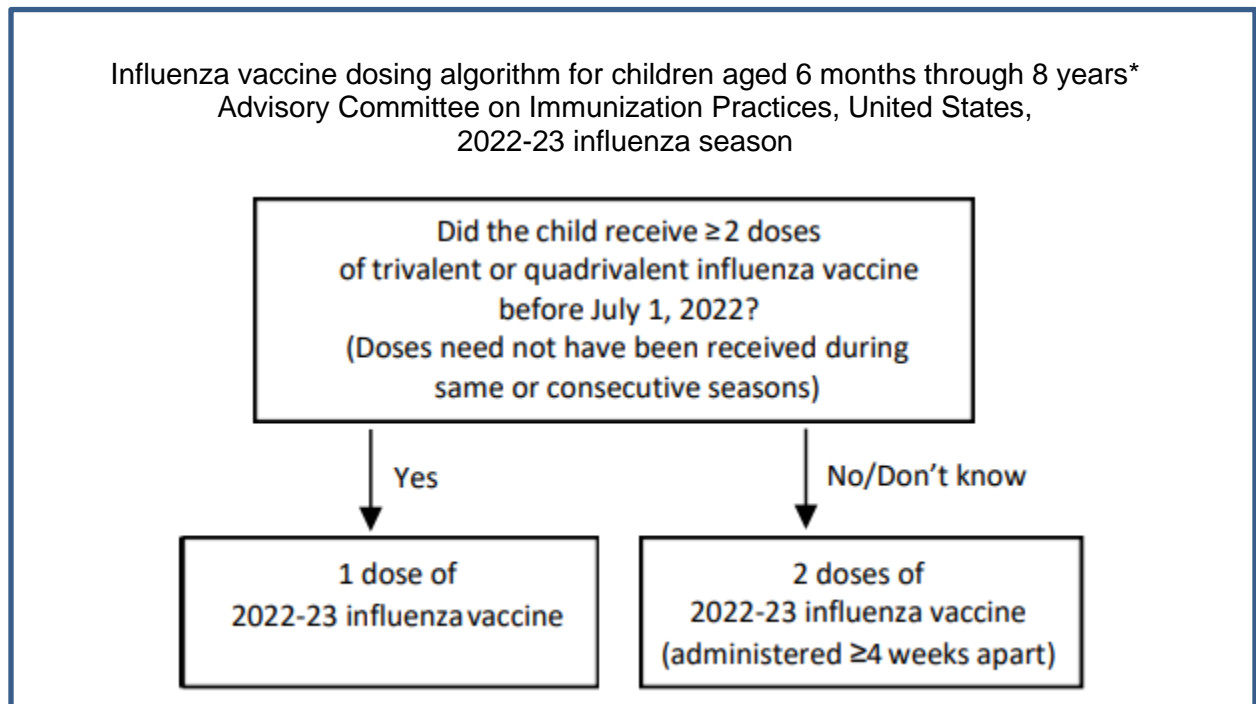
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- Flucelvax Quadrivalent is now approved for persons aged  $\geq 6$  months.
- If a person is eligible, both influenza and COVID-19 vaccines can be administered at the same visit, without regard to timing as recommended by CDC and its Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices (ACIP).
- For more detailed information about influenza vaccination recommendations, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/rr/rr7101a1.htm> or <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/acip/summary/summary-recommendations.htm>



\* For children aged 8 years who require 2 doses of vaccine, both doses should be administered even if the child turns age 9 years between dose 1 and dose 2.

Amarillo Public Health will be carefully monitoring the community for influenza activity.

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Please fax the attached reporting form to 806-378-6307 by noon each Monday or call 806-378-6341 to obtain a link for quick and easy electronic reporting.

In addition, report any suspected outbreaks of influenza by calling 806-378-6341.

Thank you,

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**RAPID FLU TEST AND INFLUENZA LIKE ILLNESS REPORT**



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**Your Facility Name:**

Influenza Like Illness (ILI) is defined as a patient with fever  $\geq 100^{\circ}$  F, cough, and/or sore throat who is **either not tested for flu or is negative** on result.

Please report the information below for patients seen in your clinic each day by county of patient's residence.

**Enter the DATE tested, COUNTY NAME, and NUMBER of cases.**

	Date	County where patient resides	Patient Rapid Flu Test Result			Total ILI w/negative flu or no flu test	RSV Positive
			# Positive "A"	# Positive "B"	# "Undifferentiated"		
<i>Example</i>	8/29/2022	Potter	2	4		1	
<i>Example</i>	8/30/2022	Moore	1		1	3	

***Please call 806-378-6341 if you are interested in setting up quick and easy electronic reporting!***  
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