

Fall flu guide

Fall flu guide is here! The 2022-23 Minnesota Fall Flu Guide is posted on [Influenza Vaccine Information for Health Professionals \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/vaccine/\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/vaccine/). Find updated influenza vaccine protocol templates under “Influenza Vaccine Administration.” Don’t forget to use the most current Influenza Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) from 08/06/2021.

MnVFC annual re-enrollment due Nov. 30

Sites enrolled in the Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) program vaccine must renew their enrollment every year by completing required reports and trainings by November 30. Visit [MnVFC Required Annual Reports and Trainings \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/required.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/required.html).

Upcoming UUAV program change

Starting October 1, **Shingrix will no longer be available to order** through the Uninsured and Underinsured Adult Vaccine (UUAV) program due to budget limitations. If your site has a patient that needs access to the vaccine but your supply has been depleted, please refer them to [GSK Vaccines Patient Assistance Program \(www.gskforyou.com/programs/vaccines-patient-assistance/\)](http://www.gskforyou.com/programs/vaccines-patient-assistance/).

Hopefully, these changes will only be temporary. The UUAV offerings are dependent on the status of the president’s proposed budget, which includes funding for a Vaccines for Adults program. If the budget is approved these changes may only be temporary. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

Measles outbreak and MMR vaccine

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has identified 12 cases of international travel-related measles in unvaccinated children since June 2022.

- MMR coverage rates declined in Minnesota during the pandemic and have yet to return to pre-pandemic levels of protection. Therefore, we have more children susceptible to measles at this time.
- Consider measles in patients presenting with clinically compatible symptoms and be alert to symptoms of measles disease in those returning from international travel or patients who have been in contact with persons recently returning from international travel.
- Assess MMR status of your patients and vaccinate susceptible persons according to routine MMR recommendations. Do not assume older children are up to date.
- If you have patients traveling internationally, follow CDC’s vaccine recommendations for international travelers below, found at: [Measles \(Rubeola\) for Healthcare Providers \(www.cdc.gov/measles/hcp/index.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/measles/hcp/index.html):
 - Infants 6 through 11 months of age should receive one dose of MMR vaccine.
 - Children 12 months of age and older should have documentation of two doses of MMR vaccine (first dose should be administered at age 12 months or older; second dose no earlier than 28 days after the first).
 - Those born during or after 1957 without evidence of immunity against measles should have documentation of two doses of MMR vaccine, with the second dose administered no earlier than 28 days after the first dose.

- Contact the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) to get help recalling overdue patients at miichelp@state.mn.us. A program to text clients is available free of charge to MN providers, as well as other Client Follow Up features in MIIC.
- Even if families have refused in the past, offer MMR and counsel on the high risk of measles when traveling.

For more information visit [Measles Information For Health Professionals \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/measles/hcp/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/measles/hcp/index.html).

MMR vaccine ordering

MMR vaccine is available for ordering through the MnVFC program for MnVFC-eligible children. You can order MMR vaccine as needed through MIIC. You do not need to wait until your monthly vaccine order to request additional MMR vaccine. Thank you for your continued partnership in vaccinating MnVFC-eligible children. If you have questions, contact the MnVFC program at 651-201-5522 or health.mnvfc@state.mn.us.

Save the Dates: MIIC Biannual Webinar Series

MIIC is hosting a four-part webinar series on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting Oct. 25 to Nov. 22. Registration is not required, and Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available. For questions or help accessing the meeting information and links to join, please contact the MIIC helpdesk at: health.miichelp@state.mn.us.

1. Oct. 25, 2022: Intro to MIIC and Client Management: [Use this link to join the Oct. 25 Microsoft Teams Live Event](#)
2. Nov. 1, 2022: Immunization Management: [Use this link to join the Nov. 1 Microsoft Teams Live Event](#)
3. Nov. 15, 2022: Supporting Immunization Quality Improvement: [Use this link to join the Nov. 15 Microsoft Teams Live Event](#)
4. Nov. 22, 2022: Additional MIIC Functionality: [Use this link to join the Nov. 22 Microsoft Teams Live Event](#)

COVID-19 primary series and booster recommendation review

There are several recent changes with COVID-19 vaccines, make sure you have the latest info and are offering an age appropriate COVID-19 vaccine to your patients:

- All children ages 6 months and older should receive a primary series of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Children 5 through 11 years that have completed their primary series should receive a booster. At this time, the monovalent booster is available and recommended for children ages 5-11 years. Bivalent boosters will be available later this fall for children ages 5-11 years. There will likely be a time when FDA will remove authorization of the use of monovalent formulation for boosters and when providers will receive bi-valent product. Please anticipate this lag time when scheduling boosters.
- For children 12 years and older a bivalent booster is recommended. Allow at least 2 months between last dose/disease and the booster. There is increased benefit with a longer interval, i.e., 3 months.

Refer to the [COVID-19 Interim Provider Guide \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/guide.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/guide.pdf) and [CDC: Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines \(www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html) for further details.