

INFLUENZA**Pediatric Influenza Recommendations From the AAP**

New influenza vaccines and stratification of influenza vaccine dosing by age for the 2013-2014 flu season are included in the revised 2014 immunization schedules for infants, children, and teenagers released by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), in conjunction with the CDC, the American Academy of Family Practice, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.^{1,2,3}

- Minimum age for receiving inactivated influenza vaccine is 6 months.
- Minimum age for receiving live, attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) is 2 years.
- For the 2013-2014 season, children aged 6 mo–8 y who are receiving influenza vaccine for the first time should receive 2 doses at least 4 wk apart; some previously vaccinated children will also need 2 doses.
- Contraindications to the use of LAIV include asthma, wheezing during the past 12 months in children 2-4 years of age, or any other underlying medical conditions that predispose to influenza complications.^{1,2,3}

IMMUNIZATION**Adult Immunization Recommendations from the ACIP**

The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization has released updated 2014 vaccination recommendations for adults aged 19 years and older with the following key changes:

- *Hib vaccine:* Recommended for certain adults at increased risk for Hib who have not previously received the vaccine (except HIV+ patients) and who have a low risk for Hib infection. For adults who have undergone a successful hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, administer a 3-dose series of Hib vaccine 6-12 mo posttransplant.
- *Influenza vaccine for individuals with hives-only egg allergies:* Recombinant influenza (RIV) or inactivated influenza (IIV) vaccines contain no egg protein.
- *Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Td/Tdap) vaccine:* Administer a single Tdap dose for previously unvaccinated individuals aged 11 years or older; administer a Td booster every 10 years thereafter.
- *Herpes zoster vaccine:* No longer recommended for healthcare workers.
- *Pneumococcal vaccines:* Administer PCV13 before PPSV23 to individuals for whom both vaccines are recommended.