

Week in Review

December 12, 2016

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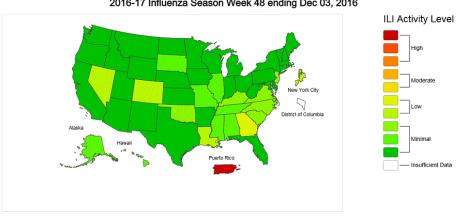
http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/pdfs/vol22no12_pdf-version.pdf

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CDC Influenza Surveillance Report – week ending December 3, 2016

http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/ During week 48, (November 27-December 3, 2016), influenza activity increased slightly, but remained low in the United States.



Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Activity Level Indicator Determined by Data Reported to ILINet 2016-17 Influenza Season Week 48 ending Dec 03, 2016

<u>High influenza-like illness (ILI) activity</u> was reported in Puerto Rico.

Low ILI activity was reported in four states (Colorado, Georgia, Louisiana, and Nevada).

<u>Minimal ILI activity</u> was reported in 46 states (Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, **Delaware**, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming).

In week 48, there were 21 lab-confirmed cases of flu in Delaware, bringing the total for the 2016-2017 season to 42 and increasing Delaware's flu status to LOCAL: New Castle – 16 (YTD 30), Kent – 5 (YTD 10), Sussex – 0 (YTD 2). Nine of these cases required hospitalization.



https://shotofprevention.com/2016/12/08/a-mothers-plea-dont-let-flu-steal-your-healthychild/

In honor of National Influenza Vaccination Week (Dec 4-10), guest author Serese Marotta, Chief Operating Officer of Families Fighting Flu, gives a testimonial.

From the Immunization Action Coalition

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NEEDLE TIPS

from the Immunization Action Coalition - www.immunize.org

http://www.immunize.org/nslt.d/n69/ask-the-experts.pdf

Ask the Experts: ACIP Votes to Update Recommendations for HPV, Tdap, MenB, and HepB Vaccines





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Issue 1279: December 7, 2016 http://www.immunize.org/express/issue1279.asp

Ask the Experts – Question of the Week: For our "Mother's Day Out" program, one of the teachers has shingles. The program serves moms of 2-month-olds to 4-year-olds. All children are up to date with their vaccinations, but some are too young to have received varicella vaccine. Is it safe for the teacher to work?



http://www.immunize.org/va/va51_askexperts.pdf

Ask the Experts: We have noticed that ACIP recommends that we begin vaccinating with seasonal influenza vaccine in September or even earlier. Does protection from seasonal influenza vaccine decline or wane within 3 or 4 months of vaccination? Should I wait until later in the year to vaccinate my elderly or medically frail patients?



Every Child By Two: Champions for Immunization

http://www.ecbt.org/index.php/daily_clips/index.php

Amid growing vaccine refusals, Texas gears up for legal fight.

Non-medical vaccine refusals increase 9%.

N.J. Pediatricians say "Troubling" Trend Against Vaccination is Driving Patient Dismissal Policy.

In other news...

<u>https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6549e1.htm?s_cid=mm6549e1_e</u> Preliminary report of microcephaly potentially associated with Zika Virus infection during pregnancy.

https://nfid.wordpress.com/2016/12/08/examining-common-arguments-against-influenzavaccination/

Examining common arguments against influenza vaccination.

http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/2015-16.htm

Estimated Influenza Illnesses, Medical Visits, Hospitalizations, and Deaths Averted by Vaccination in the United States

http://www.cdc.gov/flu/spotlights/flu-activity-forecasts-2016-2017.htm New Flu Activity Forecasts Available for 2016-17 Season; CDC Names Most Accurate Forecaster for 2015-16