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Influenza Season and Immunization Practices

Influenza viruses typically circulate in the United States annually, most commonly from late fall through early spring. Most persons who contract influenza will recover without complications. However, influenza can cause serious illness, hospitalization, and death, particularly among older adults, very young children, pregnant women, and those with certain chronic medical conditions. Routine annual influenza vaccination for all persons aged ≥ 6 months who do not have contraindications has been recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and [CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#). This report focuses on the recommendations for use of influenza vaccines for the prevention and control of influenza during the 2018-2019 season in the United States.

Annual influenza vaccinations are recommended for both residents and personnel of long-term care facilities. During a confirmed influenza outbreak, it is estimated that one-third of residents and one-quarter of staff develop an influenza-like illness. The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Epidemiology Resource Center has developed two toolkits to assist facilities in both managing influenza outbreaks and improving LTC healthcare personnel immunization rate.

- [Influenza-like-Illness Outbreak Toolkit](#)
- [Long-Term-Care Facility Healthcare Personnel Immunization Toolkit](#)
- [ISDH Epidemiology Resource Center](#)

Both toolkits contain suggested CDC guidance, educational material, forms, checklist, signage, posters, and contact resources. Any questions related to the toolkits please contact Sara Hallyburton, MPH- Respiratory Epidemiologist at 317-234-2809 or shallyburton@isdh.in.gov.

Pneumococcal Immunization Reminder

Federal regulation (F883 - §483.80 (d) - Influenza and pneumococcal immunizations) requires that each resident is offered pneumococcal immunization, unless the immunization is medically contraindicated or the resident has already been immunized. There should be documentation in the medical record if there is reason to believe that pneumococcal vaccine(s) was given previously, but the date cannot be verified, and this had an impact upon the decision regarding administration of the vaccine(s). Facilities must follow the CDC and ACIP recommendations for vaccines.

CDC recommends pneumococcal vaccination (PCV13 or Prevnar13®, and PPSV23 or Pneumovax23®) for all adults 65 years or older:

- Give a dose of PCV13 to adults 65 years or older who have not previously received a dose. Then administer a dose of PPSV23 at least 1 year later.
- If the patient already received one or more doses of PPSV23, give the dose of PCV13 at least 1 year after they received the most recent dose of PPSV23.

For more information on timing and intervals between vaccines, please refer to ACIP vaccine recommendations located at:

[CDC- Pneumococcal Vaccine Recommendations](#)

[CDC- Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing for Adults](#)

[CDC-ACIP Vaccine Recommendations and Guidelines](#)

[CDC-Immunization for Adults](#)

Dementia Workforce Project - University of Southern Indiana

The University of Southern Indiana's Center for Healthy Aging and Wellness has received funds from the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Program to develop a dementia care training for nursing home staff members in Indiana. The project, *Building a Dementia-Competent Nursing Home Workforce*, is a collaboration with Teepa Snow and her company, Positive Approach® to Care (PAC), to improve the lives of people living with dementia and transform the culture of dementia care. The project will focus on nursing home staff with three goals:

- Building a dementia-competent certified nursing assistant (CNA) workforce by offering opportunities to embed the PAC training model into 25 CNA schools state-wide.
- Developing an advanced course for current PAC-certified trainers and coaches in Indiana nursing homes.
- Integrating PAC curriculum into new staff orientation in Indiana nursing homes.

The Building a Dementia-Competent Nursing Home Workforce with Positive Approach® to Care project will allow Indiana to build a foundation of education and skill-building to provide a model of care for people living with dementia in nursing homes.

PAC Certified Independent Trainers and Coaches are invited to enroll in the Advanced PAC Trainer-Coach Course, taught by Teepa Snow and her team, to be held November 8 and 9, 2018, at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana. In addition to current certified trainers and coaches, this course also welcomes those who have attended a PAC certification course and have yet to be certified and those who have certifications that are not current. Participants attend the two-day session at no cost as a result of funding from the Indiana State Department of Health (transportation and food costs not covered).

Applications are now being accepted for the three project areas. To be involved with the *Building a Dementia-Competent Nursing Home Workforce* project, visit www.USI.edu/dementia.