

# INACTIVATED INFLUENZA VACCINE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## 2004-2005 Supplement Vaccine Shortage

**Manufacturing problems affecting one of two companies producing inactivated influenza vaccine for the United States have resulted in a shortage of flu vaccine for the 2004-2005 flu season.**

Some people who would normally be encouraged to get the flu shot are being asked not to get it this year so the available vaccine can be used to protect people at highest risk.

### **People who SHOULD get influenza vaccine this year are:**

- All children 6-23 months of age.
- People 65 years of age and older.
- Anyone 2-64 years of age with long-term health conditions.
- Anyone with a weakened immune system.
- Women who will be pregnant during influenza season.
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
- Anyone 6 months to 18 years of age on long-term aspirin treatment.
- Healthcare workers involved in direct patient care.
- Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of infants less than 6 months of age.

Everyone else is asked to either not get the vaccine or to wait until these persons have been vaccinated.

Children under 9 years old for whom two doses of the vaccine are recommended should still get two doses, if vaccine is available.

Healthy persons 5-49 years of age can get the live, intranasal influenza vaccine.



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