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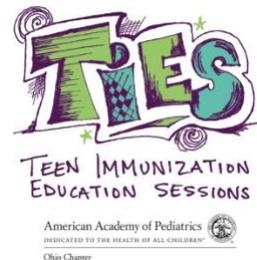
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Welcome to Whale's Tales, a periodic newsletter written for MOBI and TIES trainers. Whale's Tales reports the pertinent information about statewide training activities, trainer experiences, challenges and immunization information that impacts the trainer and course participant.

From the Medical Directors:

MenB Vaccine Updates

Some updates to the meningococcal B vaccination recommendations were discussed and voted on at recent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meetings. These recommendations still need to be approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Once approved, they will be published in the CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. Approval is anticipated so we wanted to give you a heads up.

First, the category B recommendation has always been challenging to understand. Therefore, the language has been changed to "ACIP recommends a MenB primary series for individuals 16 to 23 years based on shared clinical decision-making". The expectation is that the primary care provider will discuss MenB vaccination with individuals in this age group and then, the adolescent/young adult, parent/guardian, and health care team will together decide about MenB vaccine receipt.

Second, booster MenB vaccines will be recommended for high-risk individuals (i.e., those with complement component deficiencies and decreased/absent spleen function) after completion of the primary MenB series. The proposed

recommendation is that a MenB booster dose should be administered 1 year following completion of a MenB primary series followed by MenB booster doses every 2-3 years thereafter, for as long as the increased risk remains. This may be challenging to implement in practice unless the MenB boosters are linked with another required vaccine such as influenza.

Information from: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Updated ACIP vaccination statement for meningococcal vaccination in the United States. Available at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/slides-2019-06/Meningococcal-3-Mbaeyi-508.pdf>. Accessed December 10, 2019.

Thank You,
Dr. Rebecca Brady

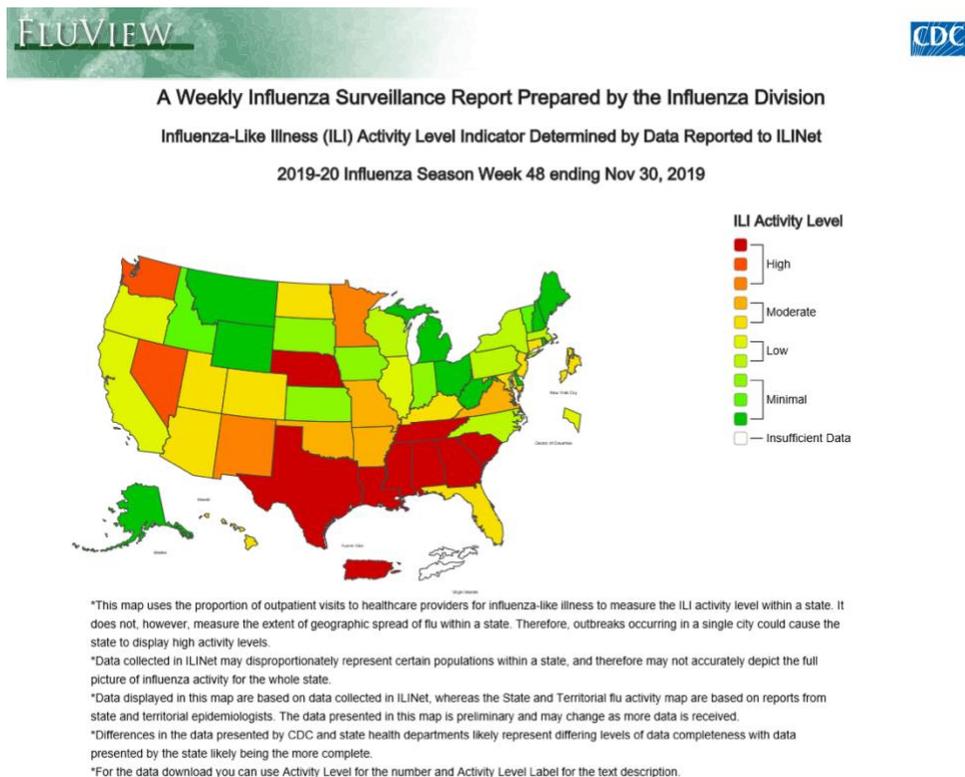
Influenza Season is Here!

The 2019-2020 influenza season is underway for most of the United States. The map shows the influenza activity for the United States through the end of November. Currently, flu activity is highest in the southeastern United States. Flu activity in Ohio is currently low.

A surprise this fall is that most of the influenza cases are caused by influenza B/Victoria viruses. This is especially true for children. In all age groups, flu caused by A/H1N1 viruses are the next most common, followed by A/H3N2 viruses. Usually, influenza A viruses predominant in the fall and B viruses predominant in the late winter and early spring. The CDC is still characterizing these circulating viruses but the strains tested so far (B/Victoria, A/H1N1, and A/H3N2) all seem antigenically similar to the vaccine strains.

Fortunately, all licensed flu vaccines (trivalent and quadrivalent) contain the B/Victoria virus strain. Flu activity is likely to increase especially with holiday travel and continue for weeks to months. It is not too late to get the flu vaccine! Who wants to spend the holidays in bed with the flu? Flu vaccine is the best way to protect against influenza and its complications, including pneumonia and hospitalizations.

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report. Available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm#ILIActivityMap>. Accessed December 10, 2019.



Thank You,
Dr. Rebecca Brady

From Lory:

MOBI/TIES Slides & Resources – Updated

We have now updated MOBI & TIES slide decks and resources for November 2019. We are still in the process of printing hard copies, but everything is available online at this time. We greatly appreciate your patience with this! Please see the ‘MOBI TIES Trainer Resources’ link on the Trainer Portal to access current presentations and resources.

If you have a resource that you think should be in the resource pack or if you have any suggested updates to the slides, please let us know and it may be added in the future, following review by the MOBI/TIES Project and Advisory Team.

Train-the-Trainer

If you are a new trainer or if you were unable to attend our previous MOBI/TIES Train-the-Trainer sessions, please plan to attend our upcoming make-up **Train-the-Trainer** on **Wednesday, March 18, 2020**.

The training will be held at the Ohio AAP office (94-A Northwoods Blvd, Columbus 43235). Registration will begin at 9:30am and the training will end at approximately 4:00pm. Lunch is NOT provided, however there are several restaurants in close proximity. More details to come including registration link.

Attendance at a Train-the-Trainer is required. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Ohio Parents Advocating for Vaccines (PA4V)

Are you a fierce advocate for vaccines? Are you interested in spreading accurate information about the disease burden, safety, and effectiveness of vaccines? If so, please take the Ohio PA4V pledge today to join our efforts!

Visit <http://ohioaap.org/OhioPA4V> for more information and to take the pledge! Please forward to your colleagues, friends and family members who may be interested.

You can also follow/like us on social media!

- Facebook – @Ohio Parents Advocating for Vaccines (private group)
- Twitter - @OhioPA4V

From Beth:

Online Forms Webinar

For those who could not attend our Online Forms Webinar in person, we have a recorded version available on the trainer portal under “Planning & Online Form Management Training Video”.

You can also find the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pve8307Fj3M&feature=youtu.be>.

If you have any trouble accessing the video, please let us know.

*Wishing you every happiness this holiday season
and throughout the coming year!*

