2018-2019 Pediatric Influenza Vaccine Screening Questions

For parents of children to be vaccinated: The following questions will help us determine if there is any reason we should not give your child the influenza vaccination today.

If you answer “yes” to any question, it does not necessarily mean your child should not be vaccinated. It just means additional questions must be asked.

If a question is not clear, please ask your healthcare provider to explain it.

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Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YY)

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✓ I have read the above information and have truthfully answered all of the questions on this form.

✓ I have received a copy of the Vaccine Information Sheet (VIS) for each vaccine administered today.

✓ I have had the chance to ask questions and fully understand the benefits and risks of each vaccination.

✓ Questions answered "yes" may need further explanation.

Signature of Parent of child receiving vaccine Date

Signature/Stamp/Print name/Title of Vaccinator Date

Adapted from Immunization Action Coalition (IAC), Technical content reviewed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
### Information for Healthcare Professionals about the 2018-2019 Screening Checklist for Influenza Vaccination

1. **If the person to be vaccinated is between age 6 months and 8 years of age, have they received at least 2 previous doses of influenza vaccines before July 1 of this flu season?**

   Evidence from several studies indicates that children aged 6 months through 8 years require 2 doses of influenza vaccine (administered a minimum of 4 weeks apart) during their first season of vaccination for optimal protection.

   The ACIP recommends that children aged 6 months through 8 years who have previously received ≥2 total doses of trivalent or quadrivalent influenza vaccine before July 1, of this flu season require only 1 dose. The two previous doses need not have been given during the same season or consecutive seasons.

   Children in this age group who have not previously received a total of ≥2 doses of trivalent or quadrivalent influenza vaccine before July 1 of this season require 2 doses for this season. The interval between the 2 doses should be at least 4 weeks (Figure 1).

2. **Is the person to be vaccinated sick or do they have a fever today?**

   There is no evidence that acute illness reduces vaccine efficacy or increases vaccine adverse events. However, as a precaution, people with an acute febrile illness should not be vaccinated until their symptoms have improved.

   Minor illnesses with or without fever do not contraindicate use of influenza vaccine. Do not withhold vaccination if a person is taking antibiotics.

3. **Does the person to be vaccinated have an allergy to component of the vaccine?**

   All vaccines, including influenza vaccines, contain various components that might cause allergic and anaphylactic reactions. Parents reporting a serious reaction in their child shortly after a previous dose of influenza vaccine should be asked to describe the symptoms. If symptoms were suggestive of hives, asthma, loss of consciousness, or the child was treated for an allergic reaction, influenza vaccine should be withheld until evaluated by a specialist. A history of anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of vaccine or vaccine component is a contraindication to further vaccination against influenza. Egg allergy is no longer a contraindication to receipt of injectable influenza vaccine.
### 4. Has the person to be vaccinated ever had a serious reaction to influenza vaccine in the past?

Parents reporting a serious reaction in their child to a previous dose of influenza vaccine should be asked to describe the symptoms. Serious reactions such as neurologic or cardiac events within 6 weeks of influenza vaccine receipt warrant careful assessment regarding future vaccination. Mild-to-moderate fever, malaise, myalgia, and other systemic symptoms and local reactions are not a contraindication to future vaccination.

### 5. Has the person to be vaccinated ever had Guillain-Barré syndrome?

It is prudent to avoid vaccinating people who are not at high risk for severe influenza complications and who are known to have developed Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks after receiving a previous influenza vaccination.

This person should be referred to supervising licensed provider for further guidance.
Has the child received >2 total doses of trivalent or quadrivalent influenza vaccine before July 1, 2018? (Doses need not have been received during the same season or consecutive seasons.)

Yes

1 dose of 2018-19 Influenza vaccine

No or don’t know

2 doses of 2018-19 Influenza vaccine (administered ≥4 weeks apart)