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Update on 2023-2024 Fall COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Vaccine Guidance

JACKSON COUNTY, MI –Fall typically brings an increase of respiratory viruses in our community. Below are the current vaccine recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for COVID-19, influenza, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates: For the 2023-2024 season, CDC recommends the following:

- **Everyone 5 years of age and older regardless of previous vaccination:** Receive a single dose of an updated 2023-2024 mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least two months after receipt of the last COVID-19 vaccine dose
- **Children 6 months through 4 years:** Complete a multi-dose initial series (2 doses of Moderna or 3 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA COVID-19 vaccine) with at least one dose of the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Immunocompromised individuals:** Complete a 3-dose initial series with at least one dose of the 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 remains a significant public health concern, and vaccination continues to be the best protection against hospitalization and death. Updated COVID-19 vaccination enhances protection against current variants and reduces the risk of severe outcomes and Long COVID. Most Michigan residents are still eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine with no out of pocket costs.

Influenza Vaccination: As we enter the fall and winter season, we also urge everyone to get their annual influenza (flu) vaccine. The flu shot can be administered during the same visit as the updated COVID-19 vaccine. Influenza, like COVID-19, can lead to severe illness and hospitalization. Vaccination is a powerful tool to protect yourself and your loved ones against these preventable diseases.

RSV Vaccination: RSV is a common respiratory virus that causes mild, cold-like symptoms for most individuals. However, infants and older adults are more likely to develop severe RSV and can have a significant impact on an individual's health. A RSV vaccine is available for adults 60 and older, and for individuals that are 32-36 weeks pregnant, to help protect those that are most at risk of severe infection.

Vaccination at the Jackson County Health Department: JCHD has COVID-19 vaccines for Children 6 months – 18 years of age who are on Medicaid, uninsured, or underinsured, or are children of Alaskan or Native American Ancestry. COVID-19 vaccines for individuals 18 and older are anticipated to arrive by Thursday 10/05; RSV and Flu are currently available. JCHD is able to accept Medicaid and Medicare* for vaccinations for adults. (*some exceptions may apply)

For more information about COVID-19, influenza, and RSV vaccines, please visit the [CDC webpages](#) or contact the Immunization Clinic at the Jackson County Health Department at (517) 788-4468. The JCHD immunization clinic is located at 1715 Lansing Avenue and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 – 11:30 am and 12:30 – 4:00 pm.