

CDC's early release of 2005 flu vaccine guidance clarifies role of live-attenuated vaccines in healthcare workers

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an early release of its 2005 guidance for influenza vaccine administration that encourages healthy health care workers under 50 to opt for the live attenuated vaccine – delivered as a nasal spray – if the inactivated injectable vaccine is in short supply, but only if they can avoid contact with severely immunosuppressed patients for at least seven days.

Other new or updated recommendations are provided regarding vaccination of persons with conditions leading to compromise of the respiratory system, clarification of the role of live, attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) in vaccine shortage, and selection of 2005-06 vaccine virus strains.

CDC Recommendations

[2005 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)
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<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr54e713a1.htm>