



LEADING HEALTH EXPERTS URGE INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION THROUGHOUT THE UPCOMING SEASON

Fall and Winter Months the Time to Seek Vaccination

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- 10:00 a.m. Introduction/Welcome**
William Schaffner, MD, Vice President, National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) Board of Directors & Chairman, Department of Preventive Medicine, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
- 10:05 a.m. Americans Remain Complacent About Severe Influenza Virus; Increased Vigilance Needed to Prevent Disease**
Julie L. Gerberding, MD, MPH, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- 10:10 a.m. CMS Efforts to Increase Vaccination Rates**
Kerry Weems, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- 10:15 a.m. New Data Show Need To Improve Low Vaccination Rates**
Jeanne M. Santoli, MD, MPH, Deputy Director, Immunization Services Division, National Center for Immunization, CDC
- 10:20 a.m. Pneumococcal Disease Prevention Must Improve to Help Reduce Vaccine-Preventable Hospitalizations and Death**
Robert H. Hopkins, Jr., MD, FAAP, FACP, Associate Professor, Division of General Internal Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics
- 10:30 a.m. Growing Number of 50+ Caregivers; Vaccination Critical to Preventing Serious Illness for Themselves and Family Members**
T. Byron Thames, MD, Board of Directors, AARP
- 10:35 a.m. Dramatically Low Influenza Immunization Rates Leave Children at Risk for Dangerous Influenza Virus**
Jay E. Berkelhamer, MD, FAAP, President, American Academy of Pediatrics
- 10:40 a.m. Renewed Influenza Vaccination Efforts Needed To Expand Immunization Season**
Ardis D. Hoven, MD, Board of Trustees, American Medical Association
- 10:45 a.m. Closing Remarks/Questions and Answers**

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