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Health Alert Advisory #116 Addendum - Dr. Billittier's Health Order: Re: Flu Vaccine (Rescinded) - January 3, 2005

Effective today (January 3, 2005) Dr. Billittier has rescinded the Health Order regarding Influenza vaccination issued on November 10, 2004 for Erie County. This order was communicated via Health Alert Priority #110 on November 10, 2004.

Following ACIP recommendations, the New York State Department of Health Standard of Care for influenza vaccination (where flu vaccine supplies are sufficient) has been expanded to include all adults aged 50-64 years, and out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of persons in high-risk groups. This update is effective today, Monday January 3, 2005.

Updated Standard of Care for Influenza Vaccination in New York State (As of 01/03/05)

- All children aged 6-23 months;
- Adults aged ≥ 65 years;
- Persons aged 2-64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions;
- All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;
- Children aged 2-18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;
- Health-care workers involved in direct patient care;
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged < 6 months;
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of persons in high-risk groups (01/03/05) (e.g., persons aged ≥ 65 years; persons with chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart or lung disease, or weakened immune systems because of illness or medication; and children aged < 2 years); and
- All adults aged 50-64 years (01/03/05)