



## Michigan Department of Community Health Influenza Reference Sheet



MI Flu Focus Report – A weekly report from MDCH Bureau of Epidemiology summarizing current state, national, and international influenza activity. This report covers the status of the current H5N1 avian influenza outbreak. It is distributed to interested members of the public, MDCH employees, local health departments, the state's Chief Medical Executive, and the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI).

FluBytes Report – FluBytes is generated by Courtney McFeters, Influenza Health Education Coordinator in the Division of Immunization, to MDCH flu partners for informational and communication purposes. This newsletter is distributed weekly (monthly during the summer) to local health departments, Immunization Action Plan (IAP) coordinators, members of the Michigan Advisory Committee on Immunizations (MACI), members of the Alliance for Immunization in Michigan (AIM), and representatives of the Flu Advisory Board (FAB). FluBytes concentrates on matters relevant to influenza immunization with additional updates on influenza surveillance and related health alerts.

Michigan Immunization Update - This newsletter discusses Michigan's immunization rankings, current immunization schedules, as well as updates on vaccine supplies and immunization recommendations. Readers are informed of hot topics and current events regarding immunizations at state and national levels. Due to budget cuts, the print version is being discontinued at this time. Readers can expect to see the electronic newsletter being produced more frequently, possibly bi-monthly. The newsletter is also posted on the MDCH website ([www.michigan.gov/immunize](http://www.michigan.gov/immunize)); information is included on the website about how to become a subscriber.

Flu Advisory Board (FAB) – Coordinated by MDCH, FAB is a group of professionals that respond to the challenges of managing coordinated state, regional, and local responses to annual occurrences of influenza. FAB consists of approximately sixty interested individuals representing public and private health and is an extension of the MACI. Agencies and organizations represented include physician groups, several visiting nurses associations, health systems, health plans, private medical practices, more than 30 health advocacy groups, and 15 local public health departments. FAB coordinates vaccine supply and other resources, as well as enhances communication throughout the flu season. FAB meets eight times a year – four of the meetings are face-to-face following regularly scheduled MACI meetings and the other four are conference calls in between the face-to-face meetings.

To participate in the Flu Advisory Board, please e-mail [mcfetersc@michigan.gov](mailto:mcfetersc@michigan.gov)

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