

CDC: Proposed New Vaccine Information Materials For Hepatitis A, Interim Vaccination Materials For Influenza Vaccines.

On July 28, 2005 the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued proposed new vaccine information materials for hepatitis A and trivalent influenza vaccines.

In addition, to ensure that influenza vaccine information materials are available at the beginning of the upcoming influenza vaccination season, the CDC's notice includes interim vaccine information materials covering influenza vaccines for use pending issuance of final influenza materials following completion of the formal NCVIA development process.

The CDC will accept public comments on the proposed new vaccination information materials until September 26, 2005. In general, any Federal agency must publish any proposed new regulations in the Federal Register and accept public comments for at least thirty days before issuing new regulations in final binding form.

Nevertheless, the CDC has said that the interim influenza vaccination information materials are to be used starting at once.

Vaccine Information Statements are information sheets produced by the CDC that explain to vaccine recipients, their parents, or their legal representatives both the benefits and risks of a vaccine. Federal law requires that Vaccination Information Statements be handed out before each dose whenever certain vaccinations are given.

The CDC maintains a website containing the current versions of all of the required Vaccination Information Statements for Anthrax, DTaP, Hepatitis, Hib, Influenza, JE, MMR, Meningococcal, PPV23, PCV7, Polio, Rabies, Smallpox, Td, Typhoid, Varicella and Yellow Fever vaccines.

The statements are available as text-only and as printable PDF files in English and many foreign languages and as digital audio files.

The CDC's website is <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/VIS/>

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