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## Preview of CDC Vaccination Plans for the 2020-21 Influenza Season

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## Summary of 2019-2020 Influenza Season

- Influenza activity during the 2019-20 season was characterized by two consecutive waves of activity, the first driven mostly by influenza B/Victoria viruses and the second driven by Influenza A (H1N1)
- 174 Pediatric deaths were reported to CDC for the 2019-2020 season
- The preliminary 2019-2020 burden estimates are:
  - 39,000,000-56,000,000 flu illnesses
  - 18,000,000-26,000,000 flu medical visits
  - 410,000-740,000 flu hospitalizations
  - 24,000-62,000 flu deaths

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## Increasing Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Coverage to Decrease Healthcare Utilization, 2020-21

- SARS-CoV-2 and influenza viruses are likely to co-circulate in the Fall and Winter
- Increasing flu vaccination coverage will decrease stress on healthcare
  - decrease doctor visits and hospitalizations
  - decrease individuals seeking diagnostics
- Focus on adults at higher risk from COVID-19
  - staff and residents of LTCF
  - adults with chronic underlying illnesses
  - adults 65 and older
  - African-Americans, Hispanics
  - adults who are part of critical infrastructure

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## Influenza Vaccination Planning for 2020-2021 Season

- Maximize available vaccine supply
- Operational considerations
  - outreach to those at higher risk
  - additional infection prevention control measures
  - considerations of potential need for social distancing
- Enhancing communication
  - Align with COVID messaging
  - Tailored messaging to higher risk groups, including African American and Hispanic communities

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## Guidance to Safely Provide Immunization Services

- Correlates with CDC Framework for Providing non-COVID-19 Clinical Care\*
- Includes considerations for use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Consideration of various clinical settings for vaccine administration
- Special focus on priority populations for influenza vaccine
  - those at high-risk for influenza-related complications
  - those at high-risk for severe COVID infection
  - essential workers
- Language aligned with COVID-response websites


\*<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/framework-non-COVID-care.html>

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## Thank you!

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