

FLU SHOTS

Why Should I Get The Flu Shot?

CDC recommends a [yearly flu vaccine](#) for everyone 6 months and older by the end of October, if possible. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses and prevent flu-related hospitalizations. Flu vaccines have been updated for the [2016-2017 season](#).

What's New This Flu Season?

A few things are new this season:

- Only injectable flu shots are recommended for use this season.
- Flu vaccines have been updated to better match circulating viruses.
- There will be some new vaccines on the market this season.
- The recommendations for vaccination of people with egg allergies have changed.

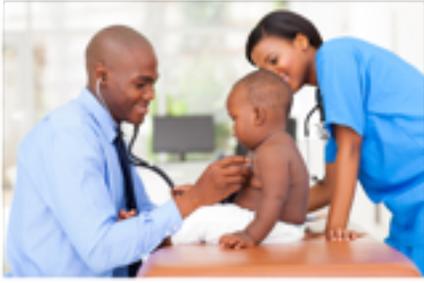


Flu Season 2016-2017

Louisiana has seen a mild start to this flu season, but local doctors and national experts say that may be about to change.

According to a recent article in The New Orleans Advocate, doctors in the New Orleans region have reported an increase in flu-like cases as well, with one local physician saying he had gotten as many as 20 calls a week for the last two weeks, versus the one or two calls a week he usually gets at this time of year.





About Fluvirin

FLUVIRIN[®] (Influenza Virus Vaccine) is an inactivated subunit influenza virus vaccine indicated for active immunization or persons aged 4 years and older against influenza disease caused by Influenza. virus subtypes A and B included in the vaccine

"This is absolutely the time to come in for the Flu Shot. Protecting yourself and your family, especially children and the elderly, from the flu, can be life saving." said Dr. Andrew Gruezke of Rapid Urgent Care.

In Louisiana, cases typically peak in late February or early March, according to Dr. Gruezke.

CDC recommends that everyone who is at least 6 months old get the yearly vaccine, but only about half of people do.

Chip Carrier, also of Rapid Urgent Care states "It's definitely not too late, and we take walk-in's the entire time we are open. So, please protect yourself and you loved ones. No one wants to miss out on holiday fun because of the flu".

