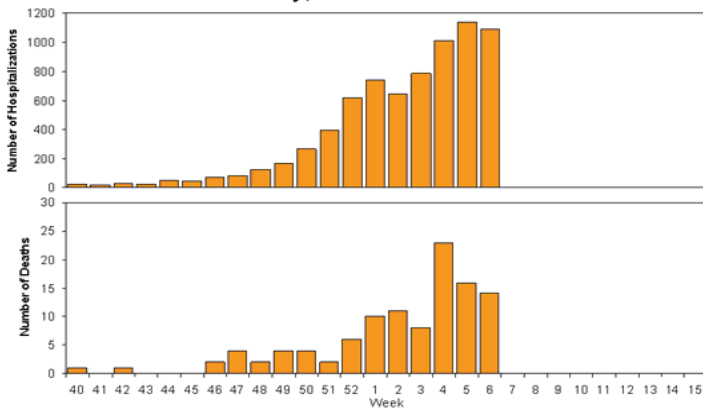


## Flu Update

From October 3, 2010 – February 12, 2011, 7,332 laboratory-confirmed influenza

associated hospitalizations and 108 laboratory-confirmed influenza associated deaths were reported to CDC. <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

Weekly Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths, National Summary, 2010-11 Influenza Season



Per ACIP recommendations, continue to vaccinate throughout the flu season. VVFC flu vaccine for 2010-11 is available.

## Meningococcal Vaccine

The January 28, 2011 MMWR summarizes two new recommendations approved by ACIP for the use of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccines (Menveo and Menactra): 1) routine vaccination of adolescents, preferably at age 11 or 12 years, with a booster dose at age 16 years, and 2) a 2-dose primary series administered 2 months apart for persons aged 2 through 54 years with persistent complement component deficiency (e.g., C5--C9, properdin, factor H, or factor D) and functional or anatomic asplenia, and for adolescents with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. CDC guidance for vaccine providers regarding these updated recommendations also is included. MMWR 60(03);72-76.

## Expanded Age Indication for Menveo

The FDA has approved the Novartis quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine, Menveo, for use in children and adults from 2 to 55 years of age.

## Tdap Update

The updated recommendations for the use of Tdap are published in the January 14, 2011 MMWR. The three updated recommendations are as follows: 1) Adults and adolescents may be given Tdap regardless of when the last tetanus-diphtheria shot was given, 2) Seniors in

contact with young children should get Tdap, 3) Tdap may be given to children 7 to 10 years of age who have not completed the recommended DTaP series or who have never received a primary series of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis. MMWR 60(01);13-15.

## Tripedia & TriHIBit Discontinued

In 2011, Sanofi Pasteur will discontinue the supply of **Tripedia** (Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed) and **TriHIBit** (Haemophilus b Conjugate Vaccine [Tetanus Toxoid Conjugate]-ActHIB<sup>®</sup> reconstituted with Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed-Tripedia) in an effort to support their other DTaP and Hib products. Supplies are expected to last through Q2 2011; however, this is subject to change based on fluctuations in demand.

## Mark Your Calendar

- The 11<sup>th</sup> Vaccine Update Conference will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa at Short Pump. Go to [www.immunizeva.org](http://www.immunizeva.org) for more details.
- VVFC Flu Pre-Books for 2011-12 are due March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have a brand preference, please note it on the form.

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Pediatric Center, Glen Allen  
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Pioneer Family Medical, Stuart  
Pratt Medical Center-Pediatrics, Fredericksburg  
Sentara Family Medicine Physicians, Va. Beach  
Virginia Primary Care Assoc., Bowling Green

### Winter Immunization Champion

Read about Loudoun Health District's creative and scientific approach to reaching at-risk communities at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/vfc/champion.htm> During this year's campaign 3,312 patients were immunized with influenza vaccine in a mall setting. Survey data revealed that a disproportionate number of clients served came from Loudoun County's target populations of the uninsured, those 18-24 years of age, ethnic and racial minorities, and new immigrants, when compared to census data for the same geographical region.