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Dear New Hampshire Healthcare Partners,

Once again, it will be more important than ever to ensure high influenza vaccine coverage rates in the 2021-22 season. Please consider how to broaden your current scope of services and consider populations that might not otherwise have been vaccinated in addition to your usual patient base. Consider ways to create additional immunization opportunities either within your practice or by working with other community partners.

While the severity of flu seasons vary, flu always brings serious consequences, not the least of which is extra burden on the already overburdened health care system. Increasing flu vaccination uptake saves healthcare resources for COVID-19 and other conditions.

Start recommending flu vaccine now, and continue to vaccinate throughout the flu season, providing extra outreach to those at highest risk of severe COVID-19 or severe influenza – and to everyone who could spread it.

The CDC and the NH Immunization Program has flu vaccine resources and messaging and will continue to provide support to promote vaccine uptake throughout the influenza season. See our website <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/influenza/index.htm> for our Influenza toolkit.

Additional influenza resources can be found here <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm> and in the MMWR "[Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines](#): Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, United States, 2021–22 Influenza Season."

Flu vaccination for anyone without contraindications, 6 months and older, is more important than ever.

Thank you for all your efforts!

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