

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS \ GUARDIANS



## There are special vaccination instructions for children aged 6 months through 8 years of age

Some children 6 months through 8 years of age require two doses of influenza vaccine. Children in this age group who are getting vaccinated for the first time, as well as some who have been vaccinated previously, will need two doses. Your child's health care provider can tell you whether two doses are recommended for your child.

- **The first dose should be given as soon as vaccine becomes available.**
- **The second dose should be given at least 28 days after the first dose.**
  - The first dose "primes" the immune system; the second dose provides immune protection. Children who only get one dose but need two doses can have reduced or no protection from a single dose of flu vaccine.
- **If your child needs the two doses, begin the process early.**
  - This will ensure that your child is protected before influenza starts circulating in your community.
- **Be sure to get your child a second dose if he or she needs one.**
  - It usually takes about two weeks after the second dose for protection to begin.



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