



Say **BOO** to the **FLU**

Halloween is in the air, which means so is flu season. Molina Healthcare of South Carolina looks forward to partnering with our providers to ensure our patients are vaccinated against the flu. As a reminder, your patients can receive both the flu and COVID-19 vaccines at the same time (also called co-administration). Help encourage your patients, staff, and communities to receive both.

GROUPS RECOMMENDED FOR INFLUENZA VACCINATION PER ACIP RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged ≥ 6 months who do not have contraindications.
- Emphasis should be placed on vaccination of high-risk groups and their contacts/caregivers. When vaccine supply is limited, vaccination efforts should focus on delivering vaccination to (no hierarchy implied by order listed):
 - Children aged 6 through 59 months
 - Adults aged ≥ 50 years
 - Persons with chronic pulmonary (including asthma), cardiovascular (excluding isolated hypertension), renal, hepatic, neurologic, hematologic, or metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus)
 - Persons who are immunocompromised due to any cause, including (but not limited to) medications or HIV infection
 - Women who are or will be pregnant during the influenza season
 - Children and adolescents (aged 6 months through 18 years) receiving aspirin- or salicylate-containing medications who might be at risk for Reye syndrome after influenza infection.
 - Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
 - American Indians/Alaska Natives
 - Persons who are extremely obese (BMI ≥ 40 for adults)
 - Caregivers and contacts of those at risk

CDC Influenza Information

- General influenza page: [Cdc.gov/flu](https://www.cdc.gov/flu)
- For more information, call CDC at (800) 232-4636