



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT INFLUENZA AND INFLUENZA VACCINE

INFLUENZA VACCINE: Influenza vaccine can protect against certain types of influenza but not against all virus infections, like the common cold. It is made up of killed influenza viruses and is given by injection. Because the influenza viruses change, the vaccine also must be changed often. This year's vaccine is based on the recommendations by the Center for Communicable Diseases in Atlanta, Georgia. These strains may cause illness this coming winter. The vaccine should give good protection to three out of every four persons who take it. In adults, one injection should give protection, which lasts a year or more. This year, young persons (8 years old and under) need to get two injections about one month apart to be protected. Any person who received influenza vaccine last season needs to receive only one dose of vaccine this year, regardless of age.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS FROM THE VACCINE: Most people have no side effects from the vaccine. Some have a sore arm for 2 to 4 days. A few have fever, chills, headache, or muscle aches in the first 48 hours after the injection. As with any vaccine or drug, there is a small chance of serious reaction and even death. **Unlike 1976 swine flu vaccine, recent flu shots have not been linked to the paralytic illness Guillain-Barre' Syndrome (GBS).** The risk of GBS from the vaccine is very small. The risk should be balanced against the risk of influenza and its complications. The risk of death from influenza during a typical epidemic is more than 400 times the risk of dying from any possible complications of influenza vaccine injections.

WARNING – Some persons should not take influenza vaccine without checking with a doctor.

- ◆ Those who have fever or significant illness.
- ◆ Those with allergies to egg (hives, swelling, or breathing difficulty).
- ◆ Those with a known allergy to thimerosal.
- ◆ Anyone who has ever been paralyzed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

PREGNANCY: Doctors are careful about giving drugs or vaccines to pregnant women. Most experts do not think that influenza vaccine can cause special problems for pregnant women or their unborn babies, and some believe that pregnant women with chronic medical conditions should be considered for influenza immunizations. However, a woman who is pregnant or believes she could be pregnant, should check with a doctor before taking influenza vaccine.

I have read the information on this form about influenza and influenza vaccine. I have had a chance to ask questions which were answered to my satisfaction. I believe I understand the benefits and risks of influenza vaccine and request that it is given to me or to the person named below for who I am authorized to make this request.

(If applicable) If you do not wish this record to be included in Arizona State Immunization Information System (ASIS), check box and initial _____ (initial)

Information on person receiving the flu vaccine

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NAME (Please Print)	BIRTHDATE	AGE	RECORD VERSION OF VIS (Year): 8/7/2015
Insurance Type/ ID number	DATE & TIME VACCINATED:		
ADDRESS	MANUFACTURER/EXPDATE/LOT# Sanofi Pasteur		
CITY / STATE/ ZIP CODE	IM injection site: LD RD LGlut RGlut ID injection site: LA RA		
X	GIVEN BY:		

SIGNATURE OF PATIENT OR AUTHORIZED PERSON GIVING CONSENT DATE