HEALTH INFORMATION

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Dear Colleagues,

Yesterday, June 22, 2016, the CDC issued the following statement concerning live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV):

CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) today voted that live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), also known as the “nasal spray” flu vaccine, should not be used during the 2016-2017 flu season. ACIP continues to recommend annual flu vaccination, with either the inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV) or recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV), for everyone 6 months and older.

ACIP is a panel of immunization experts that advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This ACIP vote is based on data showing poor or relatively lower effectiveness of LAIV from 2013 through 2016.

The complete CDC report can be found at: http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/s0622-laiv-flu.html

Sincerely,

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