

Good afternoon, Health Officers and Public Information Officers.

FYI, please see the resources below and attached from MDHHS Communications related to fall virus/vaccine and Medicaid redetermination. We will share additional resources related to fall/winter viruses and the holiday season as they become available.

Thank you!

Fall virus information:

Press release: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/inside-mdhhs/newsroom/2023/10/12/respiratory-season>

Website: <https://michigan.gov/covidflursv>

Latest info re: Medicaid Redetermination:

October press release: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/inside-mdhhs/newsroom/2023/10/18/october-renewal>

Nov. 10 Salvation Army event: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/-/media/Project/Websites/mdhhs/PHE-Resources/SAHL--Re-Enrollment-Cairns.pdf?rev=ab504030b6324a6d9bbd56146baad904&hash=B3B6E585FC1E2DFB146057F9342BD06A>

Videos:

- [Video from Medicaid Director](#)
 - [Video – ASL version](#)

Fall 2023 Vaccines

	WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	HOW WELL DO THEY WORK?	WHEN SHOULD I GET IT?
INFLUENZA 	Vaccine targets four strains of seasonal flu.	6 months and older.	Reduces the risk of going to the doctor by 53%.	October is ideal, as protection wanes over a season.
COVID-19 	Updated vaccine targets XBB, an omicron variant. <i>Multiple options available.</i>	6 months and older.	Last fall, the COVID-19 vaccine provided 40-60% effectiveness against severe disease.	Protection against severe disease: Get now. Recently infected? Consider delaying the vaccine for three months from symptom onset or positive test based on personal risk.
RSV 	<i>Multiple options available.</i>	60 years and older. Pregnant people.	82-86% efficacy against severe disease.	Now, based on consultation with health care provider. Approved for pregnant people 32-36 weeks gestation.
RSV PROTECTIVE ANTIBODY 	Note: This is not a vaccine, but a proactive medication that provides antibodies.	All infants younger than 8 months and high-risk infants 8-19 months.	Reduces risk of hospitalizations and health care visits by approximately 80%.	Will be available soon. Protection lasts at least 5 months.

Fall and Winter Virus Season

Stop the spread of viruses by washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home if feeling unwell.

	VACCINES	PROTECTIVE ANTIBODIES	TESTING	THERAPEUTICS
INFLUENZA 	Available for ages 6 months and up.	N/A	Available in clinical settings.	Available.
COVID-19 	Available for ages 6 months and up.	N/A	At-home tests or tests in clinical settings.*	Available.
RSV 	Available for ages 60 years and up or for pregnant people.	Available for infants.	Recommended for certain high-risk groups.	Limited; only for certain high-risk groups.

Speak to your health care provider or visit Michigan.gov/COVIDFluRSV for more information.

**Order free at-home tests at COVIDTests.org.*