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Information Sheet for Parents: Determining the Number of Seasonal Influenza Vaccinations for Children Younger Than 9 Years Old

If your child is younger than 9 years old, the number of seasonal flu vaccines your child needs in order to be protected from the flu in the 2015-16 season depends on your child's previous vaccination history.

Please answer the following question to find out if your child needs one (1) or two (2) doses of 2015-2016 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine. If your child needs two doses of vaccine, check with your school about second doses or with your child's health care provider.

1. Did this child ever receive influenza vaccine?

- NO or NOT SURE ► Child should receive **2 doses** this season administered a minimum of four weeks apart
- YES ► Go to Question 2

2. Did this child receive a total of 2 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine since July 1, 2011?

- NO or NOT SURE ► Child should receive **2 doses** this season administered a minimum of four weeks apart*
- YES ► Child should receive **1 dose** this season

* This algorithm takes into consideration only doses of seasonal influenza vaccine received since July 1, 2011. However children aged 6 months through 8 years may need only 1 dose of vaccine in 2014–15 if they have received **any** of the following:

- 1) 2 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine since July 1, 2011;
- 2) 2 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine before July 1, 2011, and 1 or more doses of monovalent 2009 (H1N1) vaccine; or
- 3) 1 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine before July 1, 2011, and 1 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine since July 1, 2011.

Children in this age group for whom one of these conditions is not met require 2 doses in 2015-2016.