

## Media Advisory

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## CDC advisory committee recommends an influenza vaccine option for persons with egg allergy

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted today, 13 to 0, in favor of recommending FluBlok during the 2013-2014 influenza season for vaccination of persons 18 through 49 years of age with egg allergy of any severity. FluBlok was licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in January 2013. Unlike current production methods for other available seasonal influenza vaccines, FluBlok does not use the influenza virus or chicken eggs in its manufacturing process.

The ACIP recommends that individuals with a severe egg allergy consult with a physician about their allergic conditions prior to vaccination if FluBlok is not available.

Additional information about FluBlok can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/qa\_flublok-vaccine.htm (http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/qa flublok-vaccine.htm).

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