Less Than Quarter of Children Under 2 Years Get Flu Vaccine

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Influenza vaccination of children aged 6-23 months remains low, with only 21% of children in this age group being fully vaccinated against influenza during the 2005-2006 season, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The vaccination rate was similar for the 24-59 months group—recently added to groups officially recommended to receive influenza vaccine—in preliminary data from the 2006-2007 season.

Results from the 2006 National Immunization Survey found that 32% of children aged 6-23 months received at least one dose of the vaccine in the 2005-2006 season and 21% were fully vaccinated in accordance with recommendations from the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

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