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CDC and ADHS: Give Flu Vaccine to Pregnant Patients or Children Without Delay

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say that it is safe for physicians to give pregnant women and young children an influenza shot from a multidose vial even if it contains thimerosal. In fact, the CDC says that pregnant women and young children should not be limited to thimerosal-free vaccine.

The Arizona Department of Health Services supports the CDC's recommendation. It says that persons recommended to receive influenza vaccines may receive any age- and risk factor-appropriate vaccine preparation.

The CDC emphasizes that no scientific evidence exists that thimerosal-containing vaccines cause adverse events among children born to women who received vaccine during pregnancy.

For more detailed information, click [here](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5808.pdf).