

CDC Press Release:

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CDC Promotes New Web Page for Children with Neurologic Conditions

Flu season has arrived early this year. CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) and National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) have partnered to develop a new [web page on flu and children with neurologic conditions](#). The page is also available in [Spanish](#).

Children with a neurologic condition, like cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, or epilepsy, are at high risk of flu-related complications such as pneumonia or even death, according to a study published in [Pediatrics](#) in August 2012. The CDC web page highlights the importance of getting an annual flu shot for children with neurologic conditions, healthy habits to prevent the flu, and treatment options if a child becomes ill.

The development of CDC's new web page and a flu button that can be used in emails and on websites can help spread the message about the risk of serious complications that can occur in children who have a neurologic condition. We hope that you will join us in spreading the message about the importance of preventing flu in children with these conditions.

How Friends of NCBDDD can help us raise awareness:

- Share the [flu button and badge](#) with your colleagues and community using your email signature line, website, blog, and social network profiles to increase vaccination among families and children with a neurologic condition.
- If you have a Twitter account, help raise awareness by retweeting posts by [@DrPeacockCDC](#) and [@CDCFlu](#) about flu in children with neurologic conditions.
- If you have a Facebook account, consider "liking" and sharing flu message posts from [CDC's Facebook page](#).
- Encourage others to do the same