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***Health Notification***  
**Proposed Updated Guidance:**  
**Prevention Strategies for Seasonal Influenza in Healthcare Settings**  
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) seeks public comment on proposed new guidance which will update and replace previous seasonal influenza guidance and the *Interim Guidance on Infection Control Measures for 2009 H1N1 Influenza in Healthcare Settings*.

The updated guidance emphasizes a prevention strategy to be applied across the entire spectrum of healthcare settings, including hospitals, nursing homes, physicians' offices, urgent-care centers, and home health care, but is not intended to apply to settings whose primary purpose is not health care. It focuses on the importance of vaccination, steps to minimize the potential for exposure such as respiratory hygiene, management of ill healthcare workers, droplet and aerosol-generating procedure precautions, surveillance, and environmental and engineering controls.

CDC will consider the comments received and intends to publish the final guidance prior to the 2010-2011 influenza season.

The proposed guidance can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-15015.htm>. Written comments must be received **on or before July 22, 2010**. Comments received after July 22, 2010 will be considered to the extent possible.

You may submit written comments to the following address:

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
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You may also submit written comments via email to: [ICUpubliccomments@cdc.gov](mailto:ICUpubliccomments@cdc.gov).

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