

# FIGHTING FLU IN THE ERA OF COVID-19

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# FLU and COVID-19

- Flu and COVID-19 will be circulating viruses at the same time this season.
- In order to reduce the healthcare burden, flu vaccination efforts will need to be increased.
- ICU beds, ventilators, and PPE could be spread thin.
- Co-infections of Flu and COVID-19 have the potential to be particularly deadly.

# 2020-2021 FLU VACCINE COMPOSITION

## EGG-BASED INFLUENZA VACCINES

- Influenza A/Guangdong-Maonan/SWL1536/2019 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;
- Influenza A/Hong Kong/2671/2019 (H3N2)-like virus;
- Influenza B/Washington/02/2019 (Victoria lineage)-like virus; and
- \*Influenza B/Phuket/3073/2013 (Yamagata lineage)-like virus  
\*(Quadrivalent vaccines only)

# 2020-2021 FLU VACCINE COMPOSITION

## CELL-BASED INFLUENZA VACCINES

- Influenza A/Hawaii/70/2019 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;
- Influenza A/Hong Kong/45/2019 (H3N2)-like virus;
- Influenza B/Washington/02/2019 (Victoria lineage)-like virus; and
- \*Influenza B/Phuket/3073/2013 (Yamagata lineage)-like virus  
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# GROUPS THAT NEED SPECIAL ATTENTION

- **Elderly**
- **Pregnant Women**
- **Children  $\geq 6$  months of age**
- **People of Any Age who have Chronic Conditions**

# TWO NEW VACCINES FOR 2020-2021

## FLUZONE HIGH-DOSE QUADRIVALENT

- Approved for use in persons aged  $\geq 65$  years old
- Contains 4 times the antigen per vaccine than standard vaccine (60 $\mu$ g per virus versus 15 $\mu$ g in standard dose vaccine)
- **\*DOSAGE CHANGE from 0.5 mL to 0.7 mL\***

# TWO NEW VACCINES FOR 2020-2021

## FLUAD QUADRIVALENT

- Approved for use in persons aged  $\geq 65$  years old
- Contains adjuvant MF59, an adjuvant that is added to influenza vaccines to help stimulate the human body's immune response through production of CD4 memory cells.

# INFANT MORTALITY DUE TO INFLUENZA

- Children <6 months of age have the highest mortality rate (0.66 deaths per 100,000 children).
- Compared with children aged 13-17 years, infants aged <6 months were more than 6 times as likely to have an influenza-associated death, and
- Children aged 6 to 23 months were >3 times as likely to have an influenza-associated death as children aged 13-17 years.

Source: Shang M, Blanton L, Brammer L, et al. Influenza-Associated Pediatric Deaths in the United States, 2010-2016. *Pediatrics*. 2018;141(4):e20172918  
Epidemic Intelligence Service and Influenza Division, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia

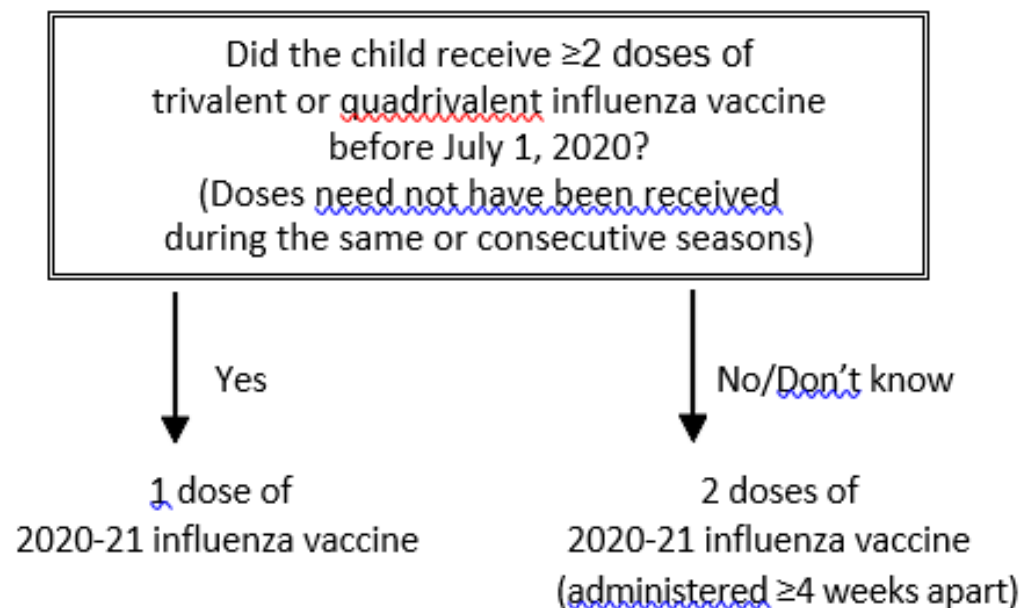




- **Pregnant women**
- Household contacts
  - Caregivers
- Immunocompromised Contacts

## NUMBER OF DOSES NEEDED FOR CHILDREN AGED 6 MONTHS THROUGH 8 YEARS

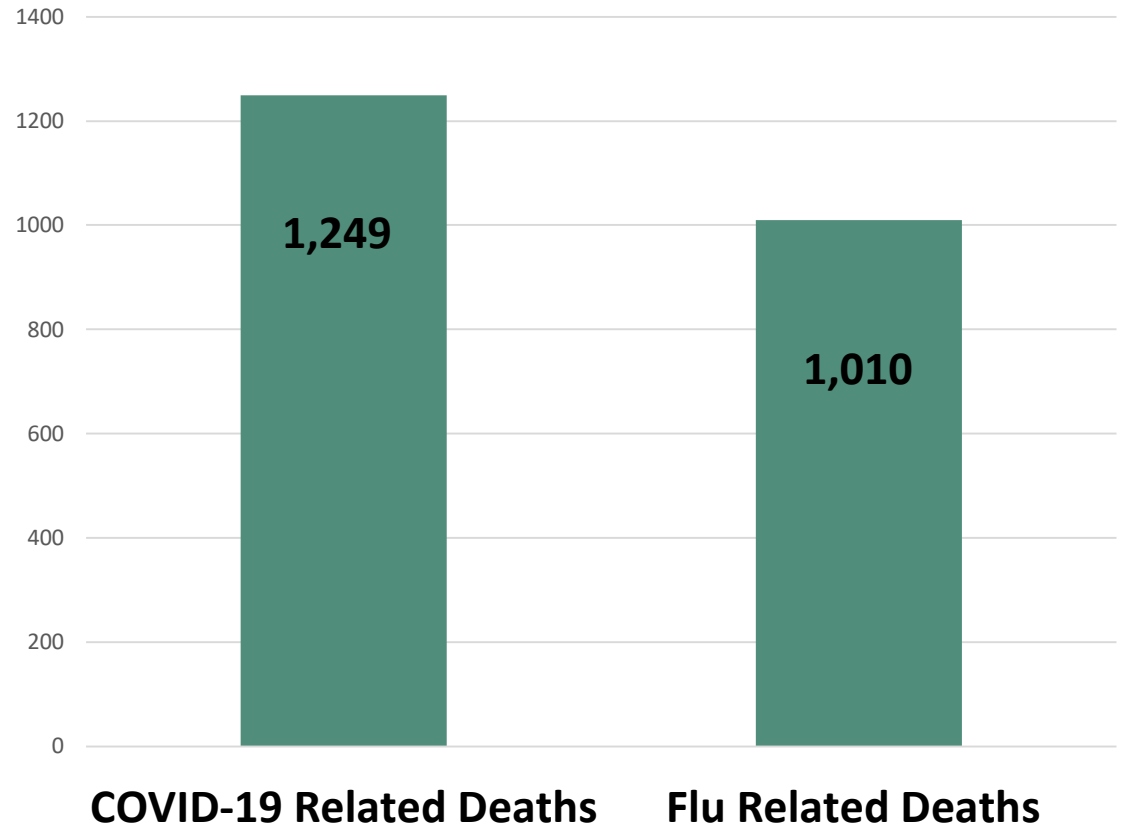
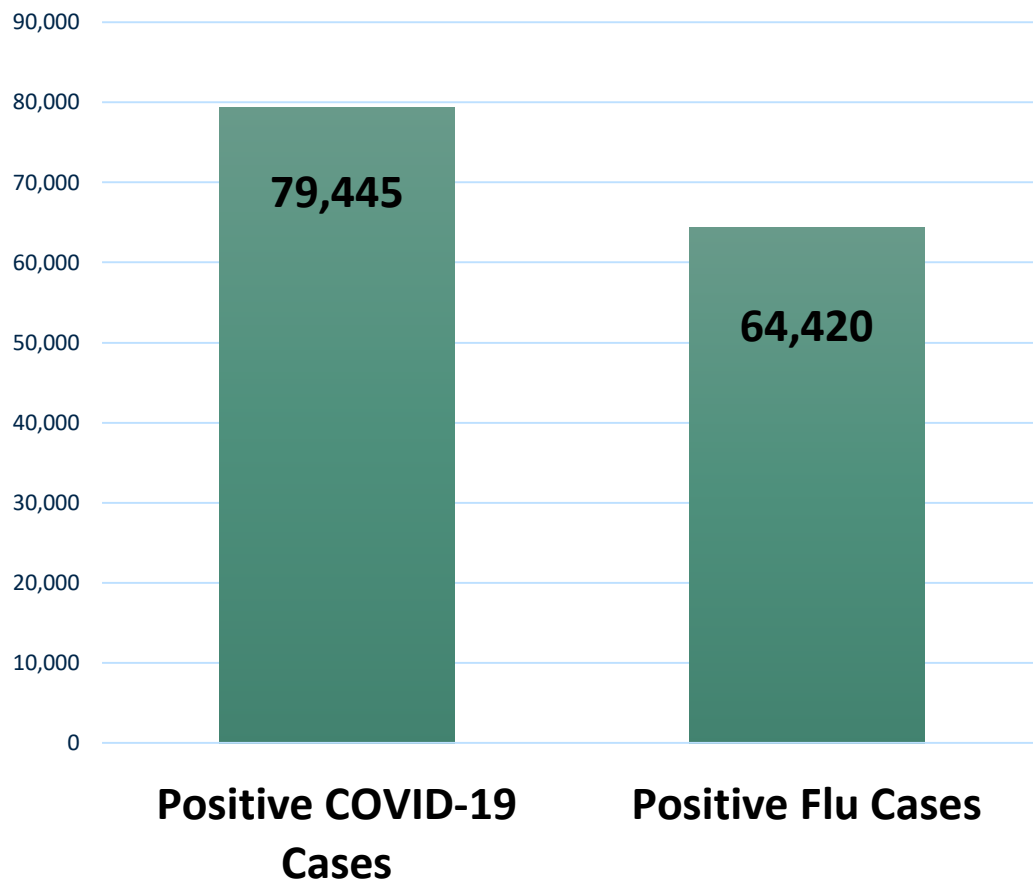
- Determine the number of doses needed based on child's age at time of first dose of 2020–21 influenza vaccine and number of doses of influenza vaccine received in previous seasons
  - For children aged 6 months through 8 years, determine the number of doses needed as shown below.
  - For children needing two doses, the second dose is recommended even if the child turns age 9 years between dose 1 and dose 2.
  - Persons aged  $\geq 9$  years need only one dose for 2020-21.
  - Children aged  $< 6$  months should not receive influenza vaccine.



# KENTUCKY FLU ACTIVITY BY SEASON

Flu Season is October thru May	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES	TOTAL LONG- TERM CARE FACILITY OUTBREAKS	TOTAL NUMBER OF FLU-RELATED PEDIATRIC DEATHS	TOTAL NUMBER OF FLU-RELATED ADULT DEATHS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL FLU- RELATED DEATHS
<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>3,087</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>3,025</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>10,489</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>333</b>
<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>17,665</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>27,408</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>162</b>

# POSITIVE COVID-19 DATA OVER A 7 MONTH PERIOD VS. POSITIVE FLU DATA OVER A 7 YEAR PERIOD



# 317-FUNDED ADULT VACCINE

The CDC has given special approval to offer and administer 317-funded adult influenza vaccine\* to **ALL** adults – regardless of insurance status.

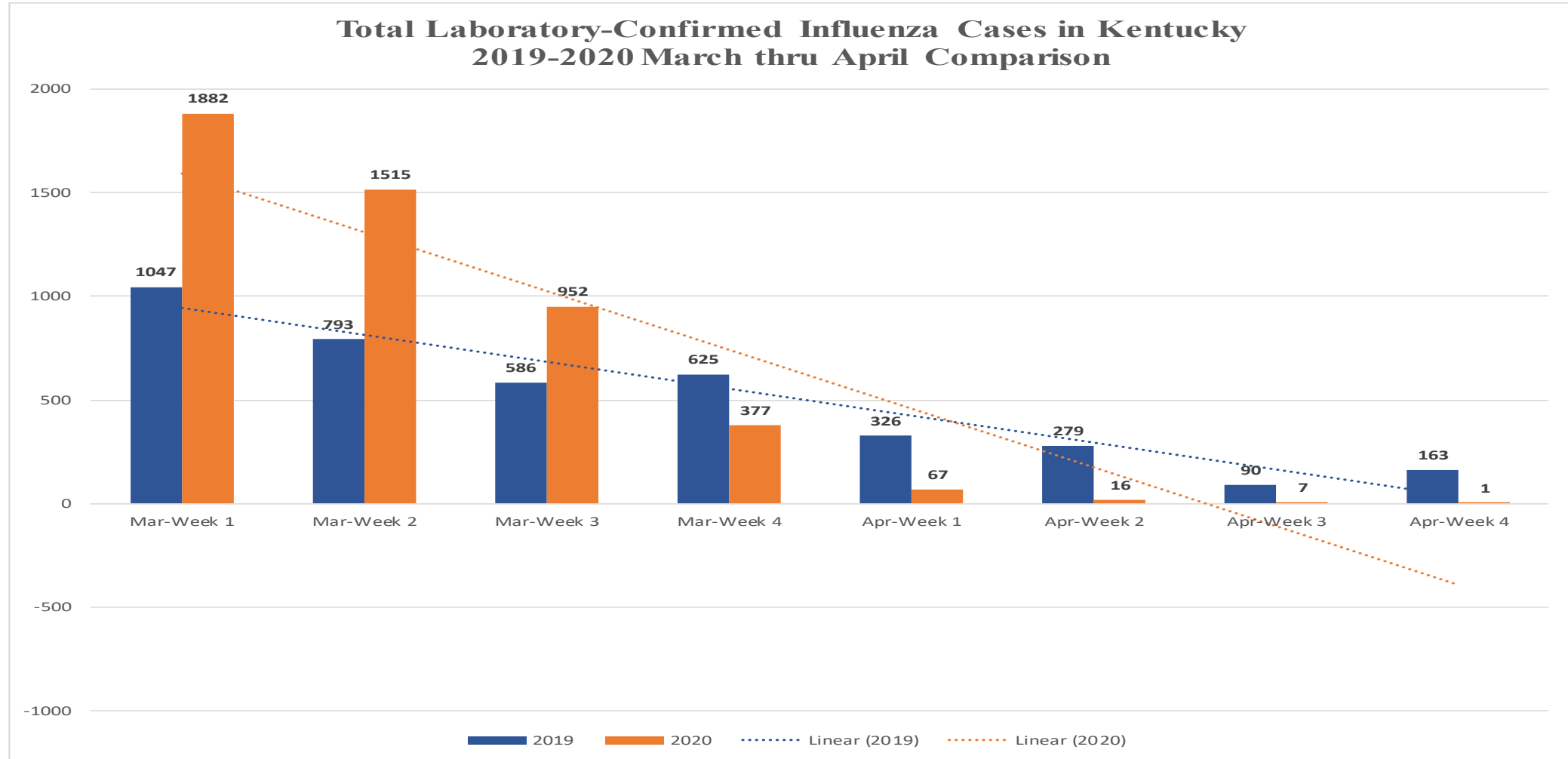
\* Normal CDC criteria for 317-funded vaccine is a person 19 years or older who is uninsured, underinsured, or indigent. The 317-funded vaccine can also be used for anyone in the event of a disease outbreak.

# KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

## “FLU CREWS”

- Ten regional teams, consisting of one RN and one LPN, will partner with Immunization Field Representative and the Local Health Departments in that area. They are called “Flu Crews.”
- The Flu Crews are developed as part of the CDC Flu Expansion Project.
- The Flu Crews can schedule and staff flu clinics, enter vaccination data into the Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR) on behalf of the LHD/clinicians, and provide additional staffing for scheduled flu activities.
- Services provided at no charge.
- Contact: [FluCrews@ky.gov](mailto:FluCrews@ky.gov)

# EFFECTS OF SOCIAL DISTANCING ON INFLUENZA



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