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Don't Let the Flu Affect Your Company's Productivity

The 2012-2013 seasonal flu vaccine will protect against the three influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common during the season. Flu vaccines are designed to protect against the three influenza viruses that research indicates will be the most common during the upcoming season.

Three kinds of influenza viruses commonly circulate among people today: influenza B viruses, influenza A (H1N1) viruses, and influenza A (H3N2) viruses. Each year, one flu virus of each kind is used to produce seasonal influenza vaccine. The 2012-2013 influenza vaccine is made to protect against the following three viruses:

- an A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;
- an A/Victoria/361/2011 (H3N2)-like virus;
- a B/Wisconsin/1/2010-like virus (from the B/Yamagata lineage of viruses).

Note: The H1N1 virus is the same as the H1N1 virus that was included in the 2011-2012 vaccine, but the influenza H3N2 and B vaccine viruses are different.

More information about influenza vaccines is available at [Preventing Seasonal Flu With Vaccination](#).

Pandemic flu remains a concern for employers and workers. A pandemic can occur at any time and can be mild, moderate, or severe. The pandemic flu in 2009 was considered by HHS/CDC to be mild but still created challenges for employers and workers and showed that many workplaces were not prepared. The precautions identified in the resources below give a baseline for infection controls during a seasonal flu outbreak, but may not be enough to protect workers during a pandemic. For additional information on pandemic flu planning, see the OSHA webpage on [pandemic flu](#).