



## **Information Sheet for Parents: Determining the Number of Seasonal Influenza Vaccinations for Children Younger Than 9 Years Old**

If your child is younger than 9 years old, the number of seasonal flu vaccines your child needs in order to be protected from the flu in the 2017-18 season depends on your child's previous vaccination history.

Please answer the following question to find out if your child needs one (1) or two (2) doses of 2017-2018 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine. If your child needs two doses of vaccine, check with your school about second doses or with your child's health care provider.

### **1. Did this child ever receive influenza vaccine?**

- NO or NOT SURE      ► Child should receive **2 doses** this season administered a minimum of four weeks apart
- YES      ► Go to Question 2

### **2. Did this child receive a total of 2 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine since July 1, 2011?**

- NO or NOT SURE      ► Child should receive **2 doses** this season administered a minimum of four weeks apart\*
- YES      ► Child should receive **1 dose** this season

\* This algorithm takes into consideration only doses of seasonal influenza vaccine received since July 1, 2011. However children aged 6 months through 8 years may need only 1 dose of vaccine in 2013–14 if they have received **any** of the following:

- 1) 2 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine since July 1, 2011;
- 2) 2 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine before July 1, 2011, and 1 or more doses of monovalent 2009 (H1N1) vaccine; or
- 3) 1 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine before July 1, 2011, and 1 or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine since July 1, 2011.

Children in this age group for whom one of these conditions is not met require 2 doses in 2017-2018.