
VACCINE POINTS

“Vaccine Points” is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

Test your vaccine knowledge.

Question: Which group had the highest mortality rate during the 2009 influenza pandemic?

- a. Less than 5 years of age
- b. Aged 6 – 17 years
- c. Aged 18 – 49 years
- d. Aged 50 – 64 years
- e. Aged 65 years and older

Answer:

(d) Aged 50 – 64 years

Adults aged 50 – 64 years had the highest mortality rate during the 2009 pandemic. This group was severely affected again during the 2013 – 14 season when H1N1 pdm09 was the predominant virus, sustaining higher hospitalization rates than in previous seasons since the pandemic.

Source:

Background Document for “Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices – United States, 2017-18 Influenza Season” <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/downloads/Acip-recs-2017-18-bkgd.pdf>, p. 5.

