

Severe flu season anticipated for Europe, US

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By Lewis Sanders IV for Deutsche Welle, Sep 6, 2017 Public health experts have urged "everyone older than six months" to receive a vaccine. Australia has witnessed a severe flu season and one particularly virulent strain, prompting fears in Europe and the US. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) on Monday reiterated guidelines that "everyone older than six months" should receive vaccinations after Australia witnessed a severe flu season. "Complete immunization should occur by the end of October, if possible. There is no evidence that administering the influenza vaccine early in the season increase the risk of infection for children," the AAP said in a statement. Public health experts have expressed concerns about the upcoming flu season in Europe and the US after 73 people died in Australia this year from a strain of flu dubbed Influenza A, or H3N2 (H3), which is more resistant to flu vaccinations than most and often affects the elderly. The WHO issued a reminder on Twitter, urging people under no circumstance to try to combat the flu by sharing antibiotics, which "DON'T cure viruses like colds and flu." [⋮] <http://p.dw.com/p/2jRkc>