PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness. Flu can also result in serious outcomes such as hospitalization or death. Older adults, young children and people with certain health conditions are at high risk for serious complications from flu. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year.

This recommendation for annual vaccination means that healthcare providers should remain up-to-date with their knowledge of influenza vaccination and practices. The knowledge gap this training addresses includes information every vaccine provider should know about influenza, the various influenza vaccines, ACIP recommendations, storage and handling requirements, and administration considerations.

OBJECTIVES:
At the conclusion of the session, the participant will be able to:

1. Describe the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices’ influenza vaccine recommendations.
2. Describe the benefits of influenza vaccination.
3. Describe best practices in influenza vaccine storage, handling, and administration.
4. Implement disease detection and prevention health care services (e.g., smoking cessation, weight reduction, diabetes screening, blood pressure screening, immunization services) to prevent health problems and maintain health.

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HARDWARE/SOFTWARE: Computer Hardware; Internet connection; Browser

MATERIALS: None

TARGET AUDIENCE: Administrators, CHES Certified Health Educators, Physicians, Epidemiologists, LPNs, LVNs, Medical Assistants, Medical Students, NPs, Nurse Technicians, Other Health Educators, Pharmacists, PAs, Program Managers, RNs
PREREQUISITES: Participants should have a basic educational background in science including general knowledge in the subject areas of biology, immunization and vaccine-preventable diseases.

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