

# Executive Briefing on Seasonal Influenza Risks and Policies

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## POLICY PROPOSAL

**ABSTRACT:** Our main priority is to reduce the mortality that results from seasonal influenza. To accomplish this, we will focus on lowering the morbidity of seasonal influenza in high-risk populations by mandating vaccinations and increasing use of antiviral drugs. These high risk populations include children ages 6 months to 5 years and the elderly, >65 years. Although this may be more costly and coercive, compared to the current influenza policy, mandating vaccination among children and health care professionals can decrease seasonal flu mortality. Along with these changes, we still encourage all individuals to follow the CDC's "Take 3" campaign.

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