

# CDC chief says swine vaccine for my kids, too

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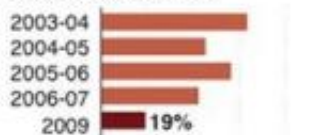
## Young victims

A government study shows more than 80 percent of children who have died from swine flu were age 5 or older.

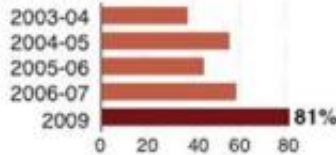
### Children influenza deaths

Seasonal Swine

#### UNDER 5-YEARS-OLD



#### AGES 5-17



NOTE: Years 2007-08 and 2008-09 were not part of this study

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention AP

Graphic shows percentage of children who have died from seasonal flus since 2003 and swine flu in 2009 by age group

(AP) -- The director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says his kids are going to get the swine flu vaccine when it's available.

Dr. Thomas Frieden says health officials have "very high confidence" in the safety of the vaccine. He says it's a vaccine that's being made in the

same way that the flu vaccine is made each year - except that it's a new strain.

[Vaccine development](#) is continuing and the [vaccine](#) is likely to be available by October.

Frieden also says that with schools and colleges back in session, officials are seeing a fair amount of the flu already - and he says it's unusual that it has continued to occur over the summer.

The CDC chief spoke in an interview broadcast Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

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