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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Comprehensive Review on Influenza Disease and Vaccine to Prevent It— Or Why Can't I Get a Flu Shot?**

*Flu Vaccine Experts from Sabin Vaccine Institute and CDC, Present Davidoff-Sabin Health Science Lecture*

**NEW CANAAN, CT** — Fever, cough, aches and chills mean one thing to most of us as the winter months draw near—influenza, the flu, is circulating again in our community. If we could avoid the misery and potential complications, most of us would choose to do so. Each year, we hope there will be plentiful vaccine, yet once again we have scarce supply. Only those who are in a defined risk group can receive the vaccine, due to the well-publicized shortage.

The Sabin Vaccine Institute will present a town-hall public forum on influenza as a Davidoff-Sabin Health Science Lecture at the New Canaan Library. The meeting will include two expert presentations addressing the elements that converged to create the current influenza vaccine crisis, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) response, important facts about flu surveillance, future need to immunize, vaccine supply shortages, the potential of pandemic flu, and global planning for a coordinated response to a pandemic avian influenza outbreak. Presentations will be followed with a question and answer period.

**WHAT:** Davidoff-Sabin Health Science Lecture:  
Influenza Vaccine—Missing the Point: *Vaccine Shortages and the Larger Threat*

**WHO:** Timothy M. Uyeki, MD, MPH, Medical Epidemiologist  
Influenza Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta  
—influenza expert profiled in Nov. 7, 2004 *New York Times Magazine*

Dean Mason, President/CEO  
Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Institute, New Canaan  
—former CDC official, local non-profit leader profiled in Oct. 28, 2004 *Stamford Advocate*

**WHERE:** Adrian Lamb Room, New Canaan Library  
151 Main Street, New Canaan, CT 06840

**WHEN:** 7:30 to 9 PM, Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

**WHY:** Get the most recent information about the 2004-05 influenza season in the United States. The format will involve two 15-minute presentations and a half- to one-hour question-and-answer period. Public and media are encouraged to participate.

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