

Servicio de Salud Concepción informó que menores entre 5 y 14 años lideran atenciones

# Instan a reforzar vacunación tras alza de urgencias respiratorias en la zona

Centros asistenciales también han registrado un aumento en la hospitalización de niños a nivel local por rinovirus e influenza tipo A. Estiman que desde el mes de mayo exista un crecimiento de la circulación viral.

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Authorities of health at a local level reiterated the call for vaccination to prevent respiratory diseases before the winter period. This is because the figures of the Red Asistencial del Servicio de Salud Concepción (SSC) show an increase of 36% in consultations in emergencies due to respiratory causes in children between 5 and 14 years of age.

"In the last seven days, we attended 1,831 people between 5 and 14 years old, reflecting an important increase in this age group, who, in addition, have presented an increase of 42.9% in hospitalization due to respiratory disease in the same period. In this same line, we are worried about the increase in 100% of hospitalization of children and adolescents between 1 and 4 years old in the last week", detailed Javier Gamboa, subdirector of Gestión Asistencial del Servicio de Salud Concepción.

Among the main causes of hospitalization in children, we find the rhinovirus and influenza A. In the week from the 6 to the 12 of April, there was a general increase of 54 to 78 hospitalizations, an increase mainly provoked by cases in children of 64 years old, and an increase of 19 to 41 cases per 100 thousand inhabitants in the basic rate of disease influenza type A in the Cesfam Víctor Manuel Fernández, a value superior to the habitual in the same date in previous years.

## CAMPAÑA DE INVIERNO

Sthefany Flores, referente of the winter campaign of the Servicio de Salud Concepción, emphasized the



Desde el Servicio de Salud Concepción recalcaron la importancia de la vacunación previo al inicio de la temporada invernal, periodo en el cual empieza un aumento en la circulación viral.

## ● Grupo objetivo

Persons over 60 years old, with chronic diseases, pregnant women, and children up to 6 years old can be vaccinated for free against influenza.

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Increased emergency services for respiratory causes in children between 5 and 14 years old, according to figures from the SSC.

importance of vaccination in the period before winter. "The viral circulation is not a predictable behavior, so it is complex to ensure a peak for 2025. According to what happened during 2024, it is possible to inform that in general since May it is shown an increase in the viral circulation of respiratory diseases, and for this reason we have insisted that the community be aware of the need to vaccinate", indicated.

From the service, they also indicated that persons over 60 years old, persons with chronic diseases, pregnant women, and children from 6 months to 5 years old, from the 6 months to 5 years old, can be vaccinated for free against influenza and covid. Likewise, children born since October 1, 2024, can receive immunization against the respiratory syncytial virus.

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It is worth noting that the Ministry of Health advanced for this year the implementation of the vaccination and immunization strategy since March 1, with the objective that the groups of greater risk are protected before the start of the winter. The previous decision was made by the ministry, considering the opinion of experts and the analysis of the epidemiological scenario, given that the winters after the pandemic by coronavirus have been characterized by having a viral circulation more intense.

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 Se atendieron en urgencias a 1,831 personas entre 5 y 14 años, reflejando un aumento importante en este rango etario, quienes, además, han presentado un alza del 42.9% en hospitalización.

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