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Health Alert

Influenza and COVID-19 Update and Therapeutics Survey
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The purpose of this health alert is to provide updated guidance around influenza and COVID-19 for the fall and winter:

- Influenza
 - Influenza is now circulating in Berkeley. We recommend all eligible residents receive their flu vaccine as soon as possible. Learn more about influenza at the [California Department of Public Health website](#).
- COVID-19
 - Providing COVID-19 therapeutics to eligible individuals reduces risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19.
Please help us to ensure timely and appropriate access to therapeutics by filling out this [brief anonymous survey](#) by Wednesday, October 5th.
 - To address inequities in COVID-19 therapeutic prescription rates, CDPH is now offering [free telehealth visits to uninsured and underinsured Californians](#) who are symptomatic and have tested positive for COVID-19. For providers caring for medically underserved populations this new service may be a valuable asset.
 - COVID-19 bivalent boosters are now widely available, they can be co-administered with the flu vaccine, and are an important means of preventing complications from COVID-19 infection and reducing virus transmission in our community. Please encourage your patients to get them.