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## CHILD COVID & FLU DEATHS

- ▶ ONE CHILD DIED FROM COVID-19, ONE CHILD DIED FROM FLU
- ▶ NEITHER HAD BEEN IMMUNIZED
- ▶ CDC RECOMMENDS YEARLY FLU AND COVID VACCINES FOR 6 MONTHS & OLDER



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# Health officials: 2 Kentucky children reported dead from flu and COVID-19

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**FRANKFORT, Ky.** — Kentucky state health officials announced that two children have died from respiratory viruses.

Officials said that one child died from COVID-19 and the other from the flu. They did not say where in the state the children were from.



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Neither of the children were immunized against the viruses, according to Kentucky health officials.

"Influenza and COVID-19 are serious illnesses that unfortunately can be deadly for some people, including young children," said Dr. Steven Stack, commissioner of the Department for Public Health, in a news release. "It is important for people who have not been vaccinated to get their updated influenza and COVID-19 vaccines this season, along with other recommended immunizations, to protect themselves."

Officials say that respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, the flu, and RSV, have been elevated above baseline levels for five consecutive weeks. You can see the latest data [here](#).

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that anyone six months or older get the annual flu and COVID-19 vaccines, along with children younger than five or anyone with high-risk complications.

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