

1 Figure S1 The gating strategies of CD4⁺ T-cells in tonsillar mononuclear cells. An
2 example is shown for a 4-year-old child (A) and a 40-year-old adult (B).

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4 Figure S2 The CXCR5⁺CD57⁺ cells express the canonical T_{FH}-cells markers.
5 Representative expression of ICOS (A), PD1 (B), Bcl6 (C) and CD40L (D) in
6 CXCR5⁺CD57⁺ (orange), CXCR5⁺CD57⁻ (blue), and CXCR5⁻CD57⁻ (red) T-cells in
7 the same child (left) and adult (right) as in Figure 2C.

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9 Figure S3 LAIV elicits long-term influenza-specific systemic antibodies in
10 children. Total influenza specific systemic IgA (A) and IgM (B) were measured
11 using plasma samples before (D0), 28 days (D28), 56 days (D56), 6 months
12 (D180) and 12 months (D360) after vaccination. Antibodies were tested against
13 antigens from A/California/07/2009-like (H1N1) virus (left panel) or
14 A/Victoria/361/2011-like (H3N2) virus (central panel) or
15 B/Massachusetts/2/2012 virus (right panel). The geometric mean values are
16 shown as bars, and each symbol represents one subject. * P<0.05, ** P<0.01, ***
17 P<0.001 (antibody concentrations were Ln transformed in statistical analyses.
18 Sidak's multiple comparisons between before and different days after
19 vaccination were performed in two-way ANOVA).

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21 Figure S4 Influenza-specific T_{FH}-cell responses after LAIV correlate with antibody
22 responses at day 56. The correlations between influenza-specific T_{FH}-cell
23 responses (Delta ICOS × CXCR5⁺CD57⁺ %) and systemic antibody responses
24 (Plasma IgG D56/D0) against H1N1 (left panel), H3N2 (central panel) and B
25 viruses (right panel). Data from all vaccinees (A), naïve individuals (D0 HI < 40

26 against H1N1 and H3N2, **B**), or pre-exposed individuals (D0 HI \geq 40 against B
27 virus, **B**) were included in the analyses. Systemic antibody fold inductions
28 (Plasma IgG D56/D0) were Ln transformed in statistical analyses. Linear fitting
29 curve was plotted as dotted line when nonparametric Spearman $P < 0.10$.
30 Spearman r and P values are noted for each correlation.

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32 Figure S5 Predictor capacity of LAIV induced T_{FH} -cell responses. Different cutoffs
33 of LAIV induced T_{FH} -cell responses were tested for prediction of systemic
34 antibody fold induction (Plasma IgG D28/D0 \geq 2 (solid line), and \geq 4 (dotted
35 line)) at day 28 using Fisher's exact test. Data from all vaccinees (**A**), naïve
36 individuals (D0 HI $<$ 40 against H1N1 and H3N2, **B**), or pre-exposed individuals
37 (D0 HI \geq 40 against B virus, **B**) were included in the Fisher's exact test. Based on
38 such tests, a total LAIV induced T_{FH} -cell response of 900-1100 MFI is needed to
39 predict a 2-fold induction of systemic IgG after vaccination in naïve individuals
40 against influenza A viruses and in pre-exposed individuals against influenza B
41 virus. T_{FH} -cell responses and antibody fold induction were tested against split
42 antigens from A/California/07/2009-like (H1N1) virus (left panel) or
43 A/Victoria/361/2011-like (H3N2) virus (central panel) or
44 B/Massachusetts/2/2012 virus (right panel).

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46 Figure S6 The influence of pandemic vaccine 2009 on pre-existing HI titer. Pre-
47 existing (D0) HI titers from individuals who received the pandemic vaccine in
48 2009 were plotted with the HI titers from those didn't receive the pandemic
49 vaccine in 2009. HI titers were tested against antigens from
50 A/California/07/2009-like (H1N1) virus (left panel) or A/Victoria/361/2011-

51 like (H3N2) virus (central panel) or B/Massachusetts/2/2012 virus (right
52 panel). * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$ (HI titers were Ln transformed in statistical analyses.
53 Sidak's multiple comparisons were performed in two-way ANOVA). The
54 horizontal dotted lines indicate HI titer of 40.