



Who should and who should not get a flu shot?

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Patient screening for clinics that are providing **inactivated** flu vaccine during the flu season.

This year's supply of flu vaccine is limited. It is important that people at highest risk of serious illness or death from the flu get a flu shot. Complete this form to see if you or your child should or should not get a flu shot.

Adults 19 years of age or older—answer these questions

Yes No

- Are you 65 years of age or older?
- Do you have a long-term health problem such as: heart disease, kidney disease, lung diseases like asthma, metabolic diseases like diabetes, blood disorders like anemia, or a weakened immune system caused, for example, by cancer or cancer treatment, HIV/AIDS, or steroid therapy?
- Are you pregnant or do you plan to become pregnant in the near future (October 2004 through March 2005)?
- Do you live in a nursing home or long-term-care facility?
- Are you a healthcare worker involved in direct, hands-on, face-to-face patient care?
- Do you live with or care for one or more children less than 6 months of age?

If you checked "YES" to ANY of the questions in this section you SHOULD get a flu shot.

Parents or legal guardians of a child—answer these questions

Yes No

- Is your child 6 to 23 months of age?
- Is your child **both** 6 months to 18 years of age **and** taking aspirin on a long-term basis?
- Is your child 2 years of age or older with a long-term health problem such as: heart disease, kidney disease, lung diseases like asthma, metabolic diseases like diabetes, blood disorders like anemia, or a weakened immune system caused, for example, by cancer or cancer treatment, HIV/AIDS, or steroid therapy?
- Is your child 2 years of age or older and living with one or more children less than 6 months of age?

If you checked "YES" to ANY of the questions in this section your child SHOULD get a flu shot.

Adults and parents—answer these questions

Yes No

- Are you 64 years of age or younger and in good health?
- Is your child 2 years of age or older and in good health?
- Do you or your child have a serious allergy to eggs?
- Have you or your child ever had a severe reaction to a flu shot?

If you checked "YES" to ANY of the questions in this section you or your child SHOULD NOT get a flu shot.
If you have questions, speak with a health care provider (doctor, nurse, pharmacist, etc.)

For more information, ask your healthcare provider or call the CDC Immunization Hotline

