

# Encourage Your Patients to Get the Flu Vaccine

## Vaccination Is Our Best Defense Against Flu

During the 2022-2023 influenza season, vaccination prevented about\*

**6 million**  
influenza cases

**65,000**  
hospitalizations

**3,700**  
deaths



## Vaccinate Everyone Age 6 Months and Older

Prioritize those at greatest risk for severe illness from influenza:

- Adults age 65 and older
- Young children
- Pregnant people
- Residents of long-term care facilities
- People with certain medical conditions



## Your Recommendation Is the Most Important to Your Patients

- Use plain language
- Respectfully address questions
- Explain why you, your staff and your family get vaccinated
- Provide culturally competent and accurate information



For detailed guidance, see the City Health Information issue at [on.nyc.gov/chi-flu-prevention](https://on.nyc.gov/chi-flu-prevention).

\*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [cdc.gov/flu/about/burden-prevented/2022-2023.htm](https://cdc.gov/flu/about/burden-prevented/2022-2023.htm)