Encourage Your Patients to Get the Flu Vaccine

Vaccination Is Our Best Defense Against Flu

During the 2018-2019 influenza season, vaccination prevented about:

- **4.4 million** influenza cases
- **58,000** hospitalizations
- **3,500** deaths

Vaccinate Everyone Age 6 Months and Older

Prioritize those at greatest risk for severe illness from COVID-19 and influenza:
- Adults age 65 and older
- Residents of nursing homes or long-term care facilities
- People with certain underlying conditions, including chronic lung disease, heart disease and weakened immune systems

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

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