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# **3** reasons to get your **flu vaccine**

## **1 Prevents influenza-related death.**

Each year over 36,000 people in the U.S. die because of the flu—most are 65 or older. More people die from flu than from any other vaccine-preventable disease.

## **2 Prevents severe illness.**

In the U.S. influenza puts about 200,000 people in the hospital each year. Children younger than 2 years old are as likely to be hospitalized as adults who are 65 or older.

## **3 Protects other people.**

You should get vaccinated if you live with or care for others who are at high risk of complications from the flu. Getting a flu vaccination yourself can help protect your family members, including seniors and young children.



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For more information, ask your healthcare provider or call **800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636)** Website [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)