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4 reasons to get a flu shot



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It protects others

Coughing and sneezing spreads germs. By preventing flu symptoms, you'll help stop the spread of illnesses to people around you.



It's safe

Flu shots can't and won't give you the flu. Millions of Americans have safely received them over the last 50 years.³



It changes every year

The vaccine is updated each year to target the latest virus.

For flu shot clinic locations, ask your doctor or nurse during your visit or go to kp.org/flu.

1. "Estimated Influenza Illnesses, Medical visits, Hospitalizations, and Deaths in the United States – 2018-2019 influenza season," CDC.gov, 2020.
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