



WE ALL ARE “FACES” OF INFLUENZA

(Everyone 6 months of age and older should be immunized against influenza this and every year.)



We all are “faces” of influenza and are at risk of contracting the virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with the support of leading health experts, recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older be immunized.¹ Influenza is a serious respiratory illness that is easily spread and can lead to severe complications, even death, for you or someone with whom you come in contact.^{1,2} Each year in the US, on average, influenza and its related complications result in approximately 226,000 hospitalizations.¹ Depending on virus severity during the influenza season, deaths can range from 3000 to a high of about 49,000 people.³

Vaccination is safe and effective, and the best way to help protect yourself and your loved ones against influenza and its complications.¹

Ask your health-care provider about vaccination. Get immunized!

WHERE:

WHEN:

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

To learn more about the American Lung Association’s *Faces of Influenza* program, visit www.facesofinfluenza.org.

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American Lung Association’s
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