

## **Flu Facts**



Up to **20%** of the U.S. will get the flu



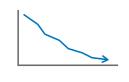
Flu viruses circulate
YEAR-ROUND,
not just in fall & winter



The **FLU VACCINE** does not cause the flu illness — cough & cold season is usually to blame if you get sick



It takes about **2 WEEKS** for the flu vaccine to take effect & offer protection



IMMUNITY declines over time, so a yearly flu shot is recommended



Flu is mostly spread from COUGHING & SNEEZING



of flu can include bacterial pneumonia, sinus infections and worsening of asthma

# **Prevention Tips**



CLEAN YOUR HANDS often with soap and water



Use **SANITIZER** when soap and water are not available



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE this is the easiest way for

germs to get into your body



Studies show that **SMILING** can help boost your immune system



### **EATING HEALTHY**,

balanced meals can strengthen your immune system



### EXERCISE

boosts your immune system and speeds recovery from illness



### **STAY HOME**

for a full 24 hours after your fever goes away

The Centers for Disease Control recommends everyone six months old and older receive a flu vaccine each year.

Source: Centers for Disease Control



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