

## **Flu Facts**



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



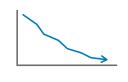
Flu viruses circulate **YEAR-ROUND**, not just in fall & winter.



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.

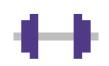


Studies show that **SMILING** can help boost your immune system.



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.



#### GET VACCINATED

for protection against the flu.

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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