



Not just for kids...

OLDER ADULTS need vaccines too



Shots don't stop with childhood
Older adults are at risk for infectious diseases and can easily spread them as immune systems weaken with age

Vaccines prevent deadly diseases

Annually, an average of 49,000 people die of flu and its complications, the majority are among adults (CDC)



Vaccines prevent hospital stays

An average of 226,000 people are hospitalized due to influenza each year (CDC)

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\$10 billion

The total economic cost of treating adults who have vaccine-preventable diseases is estimated to exceed \$10 billion yearly (WHO)



2 to 3 million lives saved
Vaccination is one of the most effective health interventions, saving millions of lives a year globally (WHO)

You should get vaccinated

Only 3 out of 5 adults have been vaccinated, while Healthy People 2020 aims to have 90% of adults 65 and over vaccinated for flu



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