Adults Need Vaccines Too

Adults Are at Risk

In addition to age being a risk factor for certain infectious disease, adults become more susceptible due to an aging immune system and the presence of underlying health conditions.

Vaccines Can Help Prevent Deadly Diseases

Nearly 50,000 adults in the United States die from vaccine-preventable infectious diseases or their complications each year.

$10 Billion a Year

The total economic cost of treating adults who have influenza, pneumococcal infections, or hepatitis B, the primary vaccine-preventable diseases affecting adults in the United States, is estimated to exceed $10 billion each year.

The Benefits of Vaccination

According to the WHO, vaccination is one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions, preventing between 2 and 3 million deaths every year among people of all ages worldwide.

Have You Been Vaccinated?

The Healthy People 2020 goal for pneumococcal vaccination is 90% of adults 65 and older. But, as of 2011, only 3 out of 5 Americans age 65 and older had been vaccinated against pneumococcal disease.

Get Informed

Older adults should talk to their healthcare providers about vaccines to help protect against:
- Influenza
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis
- Pneumococcal diseases, including Pneumonia
- Shingles
- Hepatitis B.