Perceptions on Influenza, Pneumococcal Disease, and COVID-19

NFID survey conducted among US adults uncovered insights about influenza and pneumococcal disease awareness, as well as attitudes and behaviors around vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Influenza (Flu)**

39% of White adults and 63% of Hispanic adults plan to get vaccinated against flu for the 2020-2021 season, but only 59% of Black adults are not sure or do not plan to get vaccinated.

Nearly 1 in 4 (22%) US adults at higher risk for flu-related complications do not plan to get vaccinated.

77% of US adults will take flu antivirals if prescribed by a healthcare professional.

Black adults are more likely (39%) to say that they will not take flu antivirals than White (22%) or Hispanic adults (17%).

Top reasons for being unsure or not planning to get a flu vaccine:

- Don’t think flu vaccines work very well
- Not sure they will get the flu
- Concerned about potential side effects from the vaccine
- Concerned about potential exposure to COVID-19 if they go out to get vaccinated

**Pneumococcal Disease**

Nearly 1 in 4 (22%) US adults at higher risk for pneumococcal disease do not plan to get vaccinated.

28% of US adults are more likely to get vaccinated against flu during the 2020–2021 flu season because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

46% are worried about being infected with COVID-19 and flu at the same time.

Black (61%) and Hispanic (53%) adults are more likely than White adults (39%) to worry about being infected with COVID-19 and flu at the same time.

Top reasons for being unsure or not planning to get a pneumococcal vaccine:

- Don’t think pneumococcal vaccines work very well
- Not sure they will get vaccinated
- Concerned about potential side effects from the vaccine
- Concerned about potential exposure to COVID-19 if they go out to get vaccinated

**FLU AND COVID-19**

46% of US adults are worried about COVID-19 infection, but only 23% are concerned about flu.

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**For more information about the survey, visit www.nfid.org/2020flusurvey**

**Vaccination is the best way to protect against flu and pneumococcal disease**

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