The death rate is even higher among adults. Preventing pneumococcal disease is crucial. Vaccination is the best way to help prevent pneumococcal disease—talk to a healthcare professional about safe and effective vaccines.

Pneumococcal pneumonia hospitalizes ~150,000 people in the US each year—killing ~1 in 20.

Pneumococcal meningitis & bloodstream infections are less common but more deadly and can result in lifelong disability including: deafness, brain damage, & limb amputation.

Pneumococcal vaccination is recommended for:

- All adults age 65 years and older
- Anyone at increased risk for pneumococcal disease due to certain medical conditions or other risk factors
- All children younger than 2 years

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