Perceptions on In/f_luenza, Pneumococcal Disease, and COVID-19

NFID survey conducted among US adults revealed insights about knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to in/f_luenza (/f_lu), pneumococcal disease, and COVID-19.

Vaccination is the best way to help prevent /f_lu, COVID-19, and pneumococcal disease. Visit www.n/f_id.org to learn more about how you can #FightFlu, #PreventPneumo, and #StopTheSpread of preventable diseases.

Among those who have tested positive for COVID-19, 1 in 4 (25%) say it makes them more likely to get vaccinated against /f_lu.

Among Black and Hispanic adults this percentage is even lower. Among US adults only 32% are confident about the safety of receiving /f_lu and COVID-19 vaccines at the same time.

PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE

Nearly 1 in 5 (22%) of US adults at higher risk for /f_lu-related complications do not plan to get vaccinated. More than 3 out of 4 (76%) of US adults trust healthcare professionals for /f_lu vaccine information, far more than other sources.

In/f_luenza

69% of adults agree /f_lu vaccination is the best way to prevent /f_lu-related hospitalizations and deaths.

49% of adults agree it’s important to get vaccinated against /f_lu during the 2022-2023 /f_lu season.

58% of adults aged 65 years and older are aware that certain /f_lu vaccines are now recommended for people their age.

58% of adults aged 18–64 years plan to get a /f_lu vaccine during the 2022-2023 /f_lu season.

40% will wear a mask 1 or more times a week during the flu season if /f_lu and/or COVID-19 activity is high in their community.

22% will wear a mask indoors if /f_lu and/or COVID-19 activity is high in their community.

35% will wear a mask when in crowds and large groups of people if /f_lu and/or COVID-19 activity is high in their community.

Top reasons for not getting a /f_lu vaccine:

- 41% do not think /f_lu vaccines work very well
- 39% are concerned about potential side effects from the vaccine
- 39% said that they never get the /f_lu
- 28% are concerned about getting /f_lu from the vaccine
- 24% do not think /f_lu is a serious illness
- 20% of adults age 65 years and older plan to get vaccinated against /f_lu

FLU AND COVID-19

58% of adults aged 65 years and older plan to get vaccinated against /f_lu.

Among those who are unsure or do not plan to get vaccinated against pneumococcal disease, the top reason (57%) was the lack of a doctor recommendation.

CONCERNS ABOUT RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS

US adults are more likely to worry about COVID-19 than other respiratory infections.

Only 1 in 3 (33%) adults at higher risk for pneumococcal disease report that a healthcare professional has advised them to get vaccinated. Among these, the majority (74%) have received a pneumococcal vaccine.

MASK BEHAVIORS DURING FLU SEASON

58% of adults aged 18–64 years plan to get vaccinated against /f_lu during the 2022-2023 /f_lu season.

58% of adults aged 65 years and older plan to get vaccinated against /f_lu.

58% of adults aged 65 years and older are very or extremely worried about COVID-19.

58% of adults aged 65 years and older are very or extremely worried about /f_lu.

58% of adults aged 65 years and older are very or extremely worried about pneumonia.

58% of adults aged 65 years and older are very or extremely worried about respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

58% of adults aged 65 years and older are very or extremely worried about other respiratory infections.

58% of adults aged 65 years and older plan to get vaccinated against /f_lu.

58% of adults aged 65 years and older plan to wear a mask around crowds and large groups of people.

58% of adults aged 65 years and older plan to wear a mask indoors.

58% of adults aged 65 years and older plan to wear a mask when in crowds and large groups of people.

58% of adults aged 65 years and older plan to wear a mask 1 or more times a week.

58% of adults aged 65 years and older plan to wear a mask if /f_lu and/or COVID-19 activity is high in their community.

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