Perceptions on Influenza, Pneumococcal Disease, and COVID-19

A NFID survey conducted among US adults uncovered insights about knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to influenza (flu), pneumococcal disease, and COVID-19.

### FLU

61% of adults say they are very or extremely worried about flu during flu season.

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

- 39% do not think flu vaccines work very well
- 36% said that they never get the flu
- 25% are concerned about potential side effects of the vaccine
- 20% do not think flu is a serious illness
- 19% are unsure about getting the vaccine

### FLU AND COVID-19

37% of adults say they are very or extremely worried about COVID-19.

- 36% not at all worried about getting the flu
- 19% are not at all worried about flu

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

- 55% do not think flu vaccines work very well
- 36% said that they never get the flu
- 25% are concerned about potential side effects of the vaccine
- 20% do not think flu is a serious illness
- 19% are unsure about getting the vaccine

### FLU PREVENTION BEHAVIORS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

54% of adults report they will wear a mask during flu season.

- 73% will wear a mask indoors
- 66% will wear a mask outdoors

Nearly half of US adults (48%) say COVID-19 makes them more likely to stay home from work or school if sick.

### PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE

43% of adults at higher risk for pneumococcal disease report that they have been advised by a healthcare professional to get vaccinated.

- 84% of adults at high risk for pneumococcal disease get vaccinated
- 32% of adults at lower risk for pneumococcal disease get vaccinated

- 32% are unsure or do not plan to get vaccinated during the 2021–2022 flu season

### VACCINATION

Vaccination is the best way to help prevent flu, COVID-19, and pneumococcal disease.

Vaccination:

- 71% of adults age 65 years and older plan to get vaccinated against flu during the 2021–2022 flu season
- 44% of adults age 65 years and older plan to get vaccinated against COVID-19
- 44% of adults age 65 years and older plan to get vaccinated against pneumococcal disease

For more information about the NFID survey, visit www.nfid.org/2021flusurvey.

Hispanic adults (52%) and Black adults (45%) are more likely than White adults (27%) to worry about being infected with COVID-19 and flu at the same time.

- 37% of US adults are very or extremely worried about COVID-19 infection
- 19% are very or extremely worried about flu

Among those who are unsure or do not plan to get vaccinated against pneumococcal disease, the top reason (56%) was the lack of a doctor recommendation.