

American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) are at high risk for flu complications



A yearly flu vaccine protects yourself and others around you

Flu is a leading cause of pneumonia

Flu and pneumonia rank among the top 10 causes of death for AI/ANs.¹

AI/ANs are more likely to die from pneumonia and flu than other races.¹

Across the U.S., the flu causes more than

200,000

HOSPITALIZATIONS EACH YEAR.

AI/ANs are at **higher** risk than others for:

- Pneumonia and bronchitis
- Hospitalization
- Death



The flu poses a greater risk to:

Young children and elders

Pregnant women

People with diabetes, extreme obesity, heart disease, or asthma and other lung problems

Flu symptoms can include:

FATIGUE

(FEELING VERY TIRED)

BODY ACHES OR HEADACHES

Runny or stuffy nose

CHILLS

COUGH

SORE THROAT

FEVER*

*You can still have the flu and be contagious without a fever

Benefits of Flu Vaccination

During the 2014-15 season, flu vaccination prevented² an estimated:

1.9 MILLION

influenza-associated **illnesses**—greater than the population of the city of Philadelphia



966,000

flu-associated **medical visits**—as many people as can fit in Manhattan's Times Square

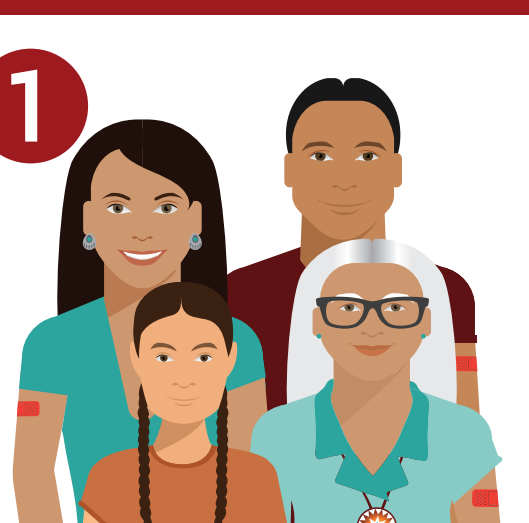


67,000

flu **hospitalizations**—as many people as Seattle's Seahawks stadium can seat



Take 3 Steps to Fight the Flu:



1 Get a flu vaccine each year for everyone 6 months of age and older

2 Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs



Wash your hands often



Cover your coughs and sneezes

3 Take antiviral medicine if prescribed



Get a Flu vaccine at:

Indian Health Service, tribal, or urban health clinics and doctor's offices

Pharmacies or grocery stores

Community health fairs

Ask your Community Health Representative or Community Health Aide for more information!

Protect yourself. Protect your community.

Get vaccinated. Protect the circle of life.



¹Groom, A, et al. Pneumonia and influenza Mortality among American Indian and Alaska Native People, 1990-2009. Am J Public Health. 2014 June; 104. Supplement 3: S460-S469. Published online April 2014. Accessed 1/27/15: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4035860/>.

² Accessed 12/10/2015: www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/2014-15.htm