

# 2017-2018 Flu Season: Flu Burden and Flu Burden Averted by Vaccination

**During the 2017-2018 flu season, CDC estimates flu caused:**

**49** million

flu **illnesses**

**960,000**

flu **hospitalizations**

**79,000**

flu **deaths**

**This severe season could have been worse without flu vaccines.**

**Approximately 40% of the U.S. population chose to get a flu vaccine during the 2017-2018 flu season, and this prevented an estimated:**

**7** million

flu **illnesses,**



about the population of  
New York City.

**109,000**

flu **hospitalizations,**



about the number of vehicles  
crossing the Golden Gate Bridge  
each day.

**8,000**

flu **deaths,**



twice the number of hospitals in  
the United States.

**Imagine the impact if more Americans chose to get a flu vaccine.  
Many more flu illnesses, flu hospitalizations and flu deaths could be prevented.**

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/burden-averted-vaccination.htm>



**get vaccinated**  
[www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)