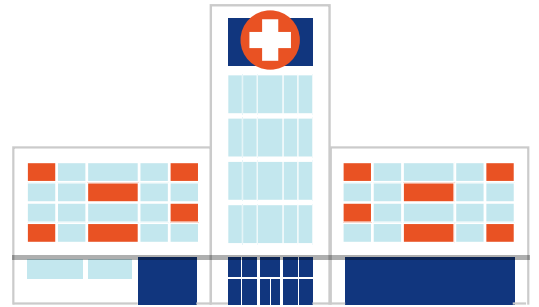


INFLUENZA (FLU) VACCINE

THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

ARE HOSPITALIZED WITH THE FLU EACH YEAR.



THE VACCINE PREVENTS SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS.



CHILDREN UNDER AGE 5 ARE MOST AT RISK OF SERIOUS ILLNESS.

Older children can also get very sick from the flu.



2 doses: children 6 months through 8 years who are getting the flu shot for the FIRST TIME.



FLU VACCINES CAN'T GIVE YOU THE FLU.

Some people get flu-like symptoms shortly after they get the flu vaccine. There are a few reasons for this:

- They may have another illness, like a cold.
- They may have been exposed to influenza right before, or during the two weeks after vaccination, when the body is still learning how to protect against influenza.
- They caught a strain of flu that's not a part of the vaccine. Being vaccinated will still help prevent hospitalization and reduce severe illness.
- Flu vaccines vary in how well they work and some vaccinated people can still get sick. The flu vaccine still reduces severity of illness.

