

FLU VACCINE

THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN
AND TEENAGERS

**ARE HOSPITALIZED WITH
THE FLU EACH YEAR.**



**THE VACCINE PREVENTS
SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS.**



- Many people don't realize it, but the flu can be a very serious illness.
- Even active and healthy kids and teens can become sick with flu and experience serious complications.
- Getting your child vaccinated is the best way to prevent them from severe influenza disease and is especially important for those at high risk for complications.

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 a different virus other than flu. The flu vaccine only prevents illnesses caused by flu viruses.
- They may have been infected by a flu virus before the vaccine took effect. It takes about 2 weeks after you receive the vaccine for the body to build protection.
- They may be infected by a strain of the flu that is different from those in this year's vaccine.
- Flu vaccines vary in how well they work and some vaccinated individuals can still get sick. But the flu vaccine still reduces severity of illness.

