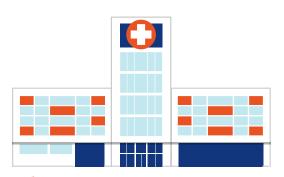
#### **FLU VACCINE**

## 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.



