

Flu season usually starts in October, peaks in December and February, and tapers off in the spring. Get a flu shot to help prevent this illness from interfering with your holiday fun.







people in the U.S. estimated to have had flu



estimated hospitalizations



22,000

flu-related deaths

#### FLU FLOW CHART

**MOST HEALTH INSURANCES COVER FLU SHOTS** WITH NO COST TO YOU! CHECK WITH YOUR INSURANCE **PROVIDER TO** LEARN MORE.

## DAY OF EXPOSURE

Someone sneezes or coughs near you or on a surface you touch, and flu virus droplets enter through your eyes, nose

You'll be contagious beginning the day before symptoms appear.

or mouth.



### DAYS ONE TO FOUR

Symptoms begin. You might experience fever,

chills, body aches, fatigue, vomiting

and diarrhea, cough, sore throat, or headache.



## DAY FIVE

Flu symptoms should ease.



#### DAY SEVEN

You're likely contagious for about a full week after symptoms start, so stay home to prevent passing the virus to others.



## What can you do to

## AVOID THE FLU?









<u>GHTING</u> BACK



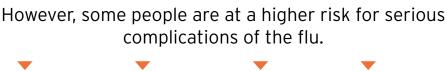
**DROPLETS OF FLU VIRUS CAN TRAVEL** SIX FEET **THROUGH** THE AIR WHEN **SOMEONE SNEEZES OR** COUGHS.

# WHO NEEDS A FLU SHOT?

**EVERYONE AGE 6 MONTHS AND OLDER** 

SHOULD GET A FLU SHOT.

THE FLU VIRUS CAN **SURVIVE ON HARD SURFACES** FOR UP TO EIGHT HOURS.



**THOSE** 65 AND



**WHO ARE OLDER CAREGIVERS** OF THOSE AT A HIGHER **RISK** 



**PREGNANT** WOMEN



YOUNG CHILDREN



**CHRONIC** HEALTH CONDITIONS (HEART DISEASE, DIABETES,

ASTHMA, ETC.)

Be a flu fighter!



ARMED WITH A FLU SHOT AND SANITIZER, YOU CAN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE YOUR RISK OF GETTING THE INFECTION.