



Outreach of the Month: Pneumonia Vaccinations

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What is Pneumonia?

Pneumonia is a lung inflammation caused by bacterial or viral infection, in which the air sacs fill with pus and may become solid.

What is the Pneumonia Vaccine?

Pneumococcal disease is caused by bacteria that can spread from person to person through close contact. It can cause ear infections, and it can also lead to more serious infections of the lungs (pneumonia), blood (bacteremia), and covering of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis).

1. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, **PCV13** or Prevnar 13®, is currently recommended for all children younger than 5 years old, all adults 65 years or older, and people 6 through 64 years old with certain medical conditions. ***Protects against 13 types of pneumococcal bacteria.**
2. Pneumovax® is a 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (**PPSV23**) that is currently recommended for use in all adults 65 years or older and for people who are 2 years or older and at high risk for pneumococcal disease (e.g., those with sickle cell disease, HIV infection, or other immunocompromising conditions). PPSV23 is also recommended for use in adults 19 through 64 years old who smoke cigarettes or who have asthma. ***Protects against 23 types of pneumococcal bacteria.**

FLU VACCINE REMINDER

Getting your vaccine shot is the best way to reduce catching the seasonal flu and spreading it to others. CDC only recommends people get injectable flu vaccines (flu shots) this season.

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