

## Flu vaccines

How Mercy Care partners with you to raise the Flu Vaccine Rate

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Good Morning and thank you for attending this brief webinar regarding the upcoming flu season.



## HEDIS CAHPS® Measure: Flu Vaccinations for Adults Ages 65 and Older (FVO)

Medicare members 65 years and older who got a flu shot between July 1 of the measurement year (2023) and the date when the Medicare CAHPS survey was completed.



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The HEDIS CAHPS® measure for flu is abbreviated as FVO which stands for Flu Vaccinations for Adults Ages 65 and Older

What is measured:

The percentage of Medicare members age 65 and older who have received an influenza vaccination between July 1 of the measurement year and the date when the Medicare CAHPS survey was completed.

CAHPS stands for Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems. It is an annual survey (conducted by the health plan) that collects data based on patient evaluation of their health care, their health plan, their health care provider, and asks whether they received the flu vaccine or not. The survey is usually completed in late spring of the year following the measurement year. **We recently received our 2023 CAHPS Flu Rate of 68% which increased over the 2022 CAHPS Flu rate of 63%**













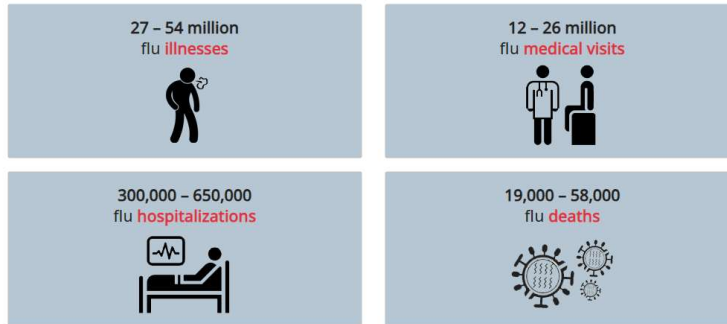




## 2022-2023 US flu season: Preliminary in-season burden estimates

Preliminary in-season burden estimates for the 2023-2024 season will begin again in the fall when the season starts. The preliminary in-season burden estimates below for the 2022-2023 season will no longer be updated weekly. The preliminary end of season estimates for the 2022-2023 season will be posted during Fall 2023.

CDC estimates\* that, from **October 1, 2022** through **April 30, 2023**, there have been:



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/preliminary-in-season-estimates.htm#print>

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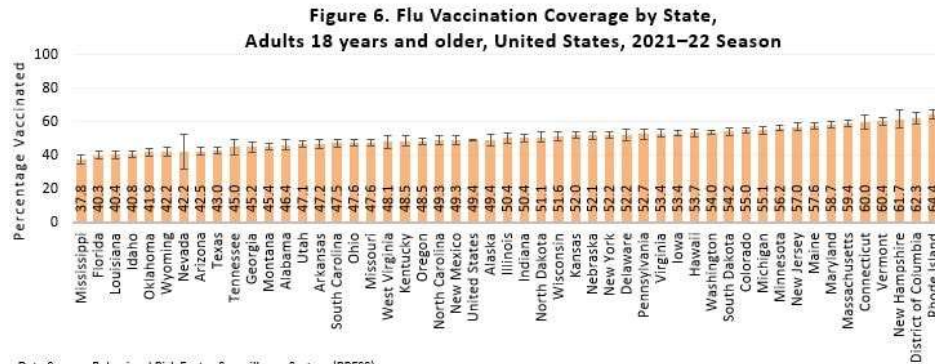
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Now that social distancing practices have eased, we see that the numbers for illness, hospitalization and deaths have doubled since 2021.



## Flu vaccine coverage by state



Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals around the estimates.

California estimate was 40.5% but excluded from the figure because this estimate represents vaccinations only through November 2021. For the 2020-21 season among adults 18+ years in California, coverage increased from 35.7% by end-November to 47.0% by end-May.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/fluview/coverage-2022estimates.htm>

This graph is found on the same page and shows Flu Vaccination Coverage by State for the 2021-2022 flu season. It shows Arizona at the 8<sup>th</sup> lowest flu vaccination rate in the nation for adults 18 and older at 42.5%. Rhode Island had the highest rate for the same age group coming in at 64.4%.



## Coverage and transportation



- No cost to the member
- No appointment (most pharmacies)
- Transport available – set up a few days in advance

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And last,

- Mercy Care and Mercy Care Advantage cover flu shots 100% for the member
- Most pharmacies offer flu shots without an appointment and Mercy Care In-Network pharmacies are listed on the Mercy Care member website
- Transportation is available and covered to get a flu shot. Members need to schedule the ride a few days ahead. It is also a good idea to call ahead to be sure the pharmacy has flu vaccine in stock.



## Questions?

Thank you very much for your time this morning, it is very valuable to us. I'll now open the lines for any questions.



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# Thank you

