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Frequently Asked Questions

If COVID-19 is spreading in my community, should I get the flu vaccination?

Yes. Getting the flu vaccine is more important than ever. Just like wearing a mask, getting a flu shot is an easy and safe action we can take to keep ourselves and others healthy during the pandemic. It is also important because getting the vaccine will protect against flu and help save limited medical resources for COVID-19 patients. It is likely that both COVID-19 and flu will be circulating this fall and winter. Getting the flu vaccination means there will be one less disease you and your doctor will be concerned about this season. We may not have a vaccine for COVID-19 yet, but we do have an effective and safe vaccine for the flu.

Can I safely get a flu vaccine if COVID-19 is spreading in my community?

Yes. You can contact your local health department or local pharmacy. You can also search www.vaccinefinder.org to find where the vaccine is available near you.

If I do not have a primary care doctor, can I still get the vaccine?

Yes. You can contact your local health department or local pharmacy. You can also search <https://vaccinefinder.org/> to find the nearest vaccination location.

Do flu vaccines cause any side effects?

Side effects of the flu vaccine are generally mild and go away within a few days. Common side effects from the flu shot include:

- Soreness, redness, and/or swelling from the shot
- Headache, fever and or nausea
- Muscle aches
- The flu shot, like other injections, can occasionally cause fainting