



Frequently Asked Questions

High Dose Flu Vaccination

What is a high dose flu shot?

Fluzone High-Dose vaccine is a flu shot that has four times the amount of the vaccine components compared to the seasonal flu shot. It is designed to meet the needs of people 65 years and older to create a stronger immune response in this population of adults whose immune systems are weaker compared to younger adults.

Who is eligible?

Clients age 65 and older who medically screen are eligible to receive the vaccination.

Does it work better than a regular flu shot?

Human immune defenses become weaker with age, which places older people at greater risk of severe illness from influenza. Also aging decreases the body's ability to have a good immune response after getting influenza vaccine. A higher dose of antigen in the vaccine is supposed to give older people a better immune response and therefore better protection against flu.

Are there any side effects?

The safety profile of Fluzone High-Dose vaccine is similar to that of regular flu vaccines, although adverse events were reported more frequently after vaccination with Fluzone High-Dose. The most common adverse events experienced during clinical studies were mild and temporary and included pain, redness and swelling at the injection site and headache, muscle aches, fever and malaise.

Will my insurance cover it?

At this time, only limited insurances (including Medicare Part B) cover the shot. The cash/check price is \$50.