

## Flu shots

Now, a few questions the about the influenza virus, commonly known as the flu.

Medical experts agree that the flu is spread as a result of sneezing, touching or personal interaction.

Flu vaccines have been developed to lower the risk of catching the flu. The vaccine is mostly given by injection, known as a flu shot.

1. Did you get a flu shot for this year's flu season?

Yes

No

2. How many times in the past 5 years have you gotten the flu shot?

Never in the past 5 years

1-2 times

3-4 times

Every year

3. As a general rule, do you think the flu shot is effective in reducing the occurrence and severity of flu:

[Rows]

In the general community

For the individual who gets a flu shot

[Columns]

Not at all effective

Not very effective

Mostly effective

Very Effective

4. Some have argued that flu shots should be **legally required** for people in certain occupations. Please indicate whether you would support or oppose requiring each of following to get a flu shot annually:

[RANDOMIZE]

Emergency room doctors

Family doctors

Nurses

Hospital staff (janitors, cooks, etc)

Elementary school teachers

Nursing home staff

[COLUMNS]

Strongly oppose

Moderately oppose

Moderately support

Strongly support

5. [ASK ONLY THOSE WHO DIDN'T GET A FLU SHOT] You indicated that you did not get a flu shot this year. What would you say are the main reasons that you didn't get the shot? Select up to two reasons from the list below.

[RANDOMIZE]

Just never think of it

Don't know where/how to get it

It's inconvenient/Don't have time

Don't think it works

Concerned about side effects/risks

Hate needles

Don't think I need it

Don't want to pay for it

Other specify:

6. Did you or anyone in your household get the flu so far this winter? (and by flu we mean you needed to take a day or two off work to stay in bed to recover – not just a cold or headache)

Yes, me

Yes, someone in my household

[EXCLUSIVE]No, no flu