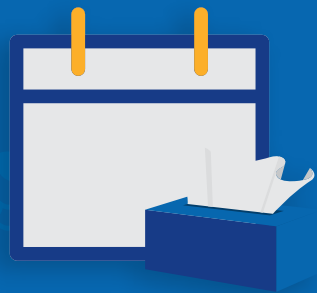
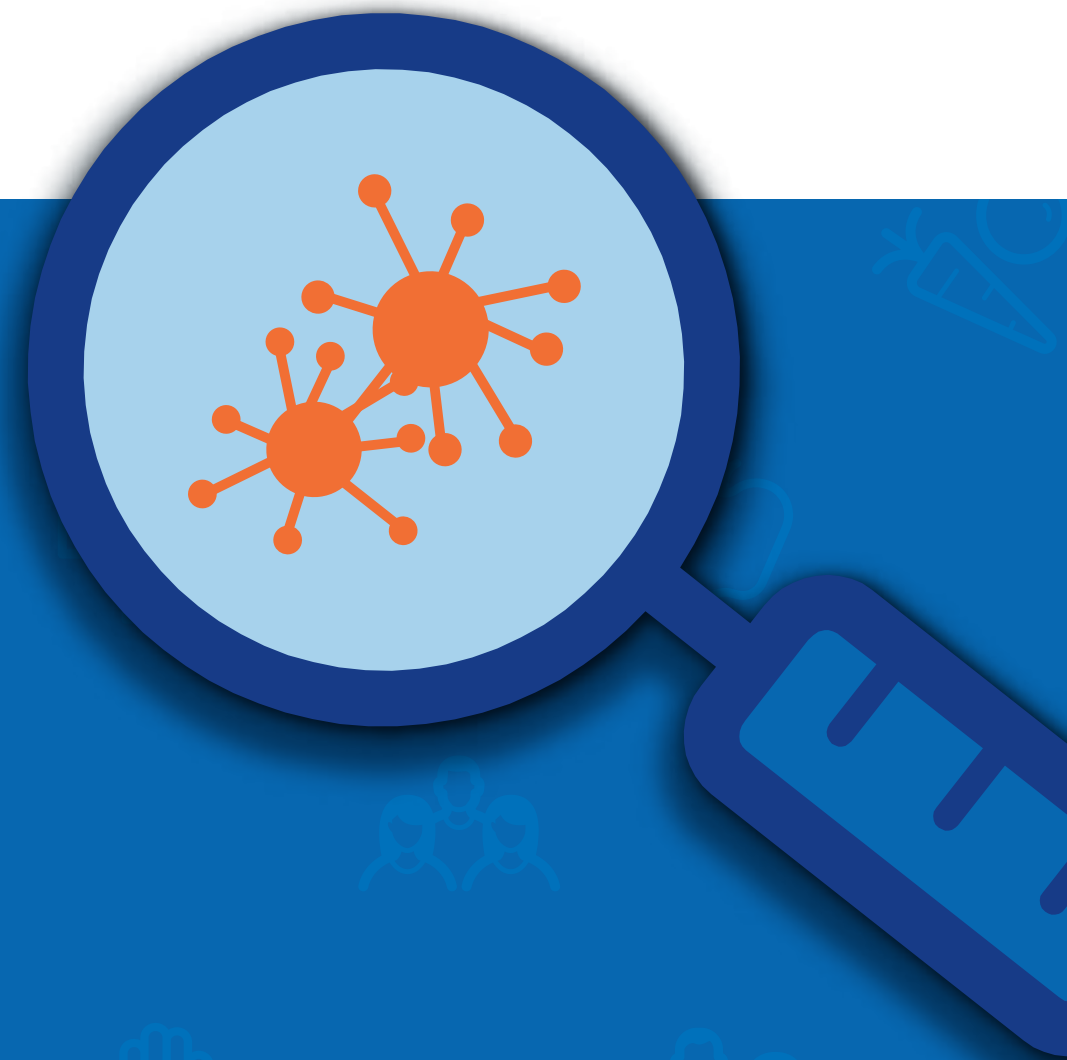


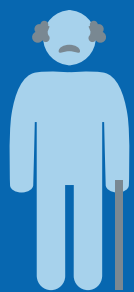
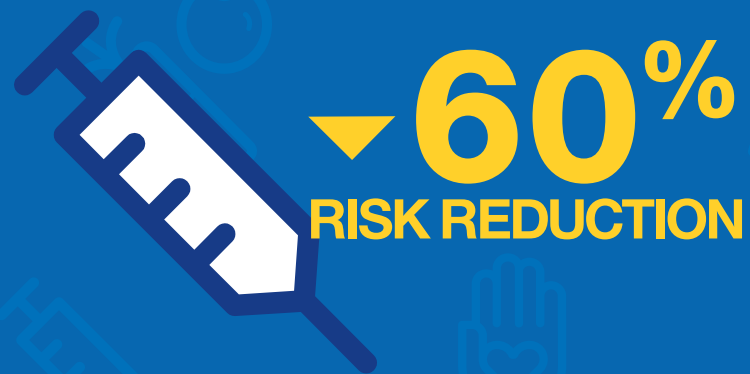
Flu Season Facts

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by a virus that produces symptoms such as constant cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches and fatigue. Here are the facts to know:



Flu season is at its peak from **December through February** but can last from October through May.

The flu vaccine reduces the risk of contracting and spreading the disease.



Older Americans and **people with certain chronic conditions** are most at risk.




The CDC recommends **annual flu shots** for everyone 6 months and older.



As many as **35 MILLION** flu cases are expected this season.

Each year:

More than **200,000**  people are hospitalized from flu complications.

An estimated **36,000**  deaths are linked to the flu.