

Managing the Flu and COVID-19: FAQ

1 Can I get the COVID-19 vaccine and the flu vaccine at the same time?

No. You should not get a COVID-19 vaccine and a flu vaccine at the same time. COVID-19 vaccines should be given alone within at least 14 days either before or after you get any other vaccines, including a flu vaccine.

2 Flu activity is low right now; should I wait to get the vaccine?

No, you should not delay getting a flu vaccine. While flu activity may be low in your community now, it could begin increasing at any time. It takes about two weeks after vaccination to develop antibodies that provide protection, so you should get vaccinated before flu viruses begin circulating in your community.

3 Will a flu vaccine protect me against COVID-19?

Getting a flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, however flu vaccination has many other important benefits. Flu vaccines have been shown to reduce the risk of flu illness, hospitalization and death.

4 Should I get a flu vaccine if I have COVID-19?

For people who are sick with COVID-19 and who are already in a medical setting (for example, are in a hospital or other health care setting), flu vaccination should be deferred until they are no longer acutely ill.

5 Is there a test that can detect both the flu and COVID-19?

Yes. CDC has developed a test that will check for A and B type seasonal flu viruses and SARS CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.