2017-2018 Flu Season: Burden and Burden Averted by Vaccination

During the 2017-2018 season, CDC estimates flu caused:

- **45 million** flu illnesses
- **810,000** flu hospitalizations
- **61,000** flu deaths

This severe season could have been worse without flu vaccines.

Approximately 40% of the U.S. population chose to get a flu vaccine during the 2017-2018 flu season, and this prevented an estimated:

- **6.2 million** flu illnesses
- **91,000** hospitalizations
- **5,700** deaths

Imagine the impact if more Americans chose to get a flu vaccine. Many more flu illnesses, flu hospitalizations and flu deaths could be prevented.

The estimated for the 2017-2018 influenza season are preliminary pending additional data from the season.

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden-averted/2017-2018.htm