For Adults with ASTHMA:
Important information about a dangerous infection

- If you have asthma, you are more likely to have serious complications if you get pneumococcal disease.
- Medical experts believe you are at increased risk for complications of pneumococcal disease because asthma affects your airways and lungs, making you more vulnerable to infection.
- This is true even if your wheezing or other symptoms are well controlled.
- Prevention of pneumococcal disease is very important because the infection can lead to death, hospitalization, and serious complications including brain damage, heart attack, hearing loss, or amputations.

Vaccination can help protect you.

Five Reasons Adults with ASTHMA Should Be Vaccinated Against Pneumococcal Disease

1. Pneumococcal disease is a deadly infection that can come on quickly.

2. Among adults who get pneumococcal disease, those age 65 and older and adults of any age with underlying medical conditions are at higher risk of death.

3. People who get pneumococcal disease may face hospitalization, long recovery time, and devastating life-long problems.

4. Vaccination can help protect you from pneumonia, meningitis, and bloodstream infections.

5. Getting vaccinated is the safest, most effective way to protect yourself.

If you or a loved one has asthma, ask a healthcare professional about vaccination today.

For more information, visit adultvaccination.org

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