

# For Adults with LUNG DISEASE:

## Important information about a dangerous infection



- If you have lung disease, including COPD, you are more likely to get pneumococcal disease and to have more serious complications. This is because lung disease makes it easier for bacteria to grow in your airways.
- This is true even if your lung disease is well controlled through medication, treatment, or lifestyle management.
- 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 LUNG DISEASE 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 lung disease, ask a healthcare professional about vaccination today.***

For more information, visit [adultvaccination.org](http://adultvaccination.org)



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