

# For Adults who SMOKE:

## Important information about a dangerous infection



- If you smoke, you are more likely than a nonsmoker to get pneumococcal disease and to have more serious complications.
- Cigarette smoking is the single biggest risk factor for serious pneumococcal disease. About half of healthy adults younger than age 65 who get it are smokers.
- 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 who SMOKE 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 smokes, ask a healthcare professional about vaccination today.***

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