

Poll Questions

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Nursing homes should require flu shots for all staff and patients, most older adults say

Questions were answered by respondents age 50–80.

Q1. In your opinion, to prevent the spread of influenza (the flu) to residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities, should flu vaccine be required for any of the following groups?

[Definitely require/possible require/do not require for each statement]

1. Medical staff at the facility
2. Other staff at the facility (food service, administrators)
3. Visitors to the facility
4. Residents of the facility

Q2. Which of the following actions would you support to encourage flu vaccines for staff at nursing homes and assisted living facilities?

[Support/do not support for each statement]

1. Mandate that all staff get vaccinated in order to keep their job
2. Provide vaccine for free, onsite
3. Bonus pay for staff who get flu vaccine
4. Do not allow unvaccinated staff to come to work if they are sick

Q3. Suppose that 33% of the staff at a nursing home or assisted living facility (1 in 3) do not get flu vaccine each year. Would that affect your decisions about choosing that facility for yourself or a family member?

1. Would make me MUCH LESS likely to choose that facility
2. Would make me SLIGHTLY LESS likely to choose that facility
3. Would not affect my decision

Participants were also asked demographic questions on age, gender, health status and insurance status.

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