

## Check your understanding



**1** Why is a new flu vaccine made every year?

Answer [ A new flu vaccine is made every year because the flu virus changes from year to year. ]

**2** According to the CDC, people of which ages should get flu shots every year?

Answer [ Everyone above the age of 6 months should be vaccinated. ]

**3** Should everyone get vaccinated when the flu vaccine isn't very effective? Why?

Answer [ Yes, because even low efficacy flu vaccines have a substantial impact on flu outbreaks, stopping many hospitalizations and deaths. ]

**4** Is it more important to have a very effective influenza vaccine or to vaccinate everybody?

Answer [ While it would be very helpful to have an influenza vaccine that worked very well, this study shows that it is even more important to vaccinate everybody. ]

**5** Which age groups are most important to vaccinate?

Answer [ The age groups that are most important to vaccinate are the school-age children, young adults, and the elderly. ]