

DON'T GIVE UP YOUR SHOT TO FIGHT COVID-19

Get a flu shot. It could save the economy.

Employers have long played an important role in the fight against seasonal flu.

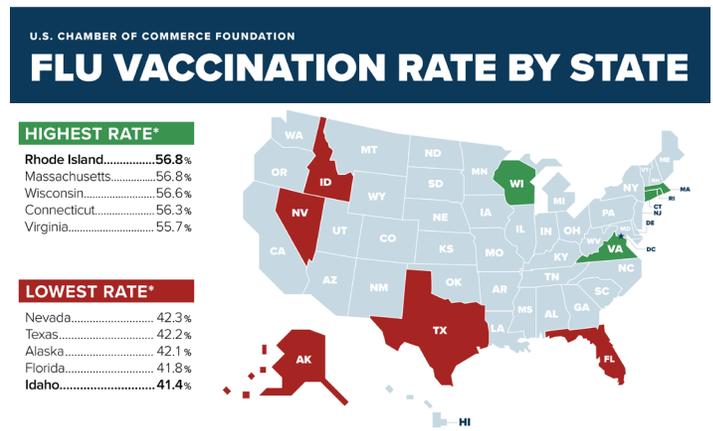
Every year, businesses organize vaccination clinics in communities across the country. This enables workers, customers, and vulnerable members of the community to prevent infection.

But this isn't like every year. We're in the midst of a global pandemic, and the risks of overwhelming the health system with patients complaining of influenza-like illnesses will make it even harder for hospitals to identify and treat people who have been infected with the novel coronavirus.

This has real consequences for employers, in part because the flu symptoms are the same as COVID-19 symptoms. **"If someone comes into your workplace and you have a screen set up and they screen positive, you're going to have to send them home and potentially shut down anyone or anywhere they've been in contact with for fear of COVID,"** Surgeon General Jerome Adams warned.

Despite recommendations from CDC that every person over six months of age receive a flu shot, the United States has consistently fallen short of the 70% vaccination rates targeted by [Healthy People 2020](#).

Last year, about half the country didn't get a flu shot, according to new CDC estimates. There is significant variation across the states. Some do better than others, but none have hit the national target, according to the latest data.



We've learned from our [Path Forward](#) series that there are three things every American can do to fight the virus:

- Maintain physical distance from other people
- Wear a mask when you're indoors and unable to social distance
- Get a flu shot

Don't miss your shot to protect your health and the economy. Visit vaccinefinder.org to find a flu vaccine before it's too late.