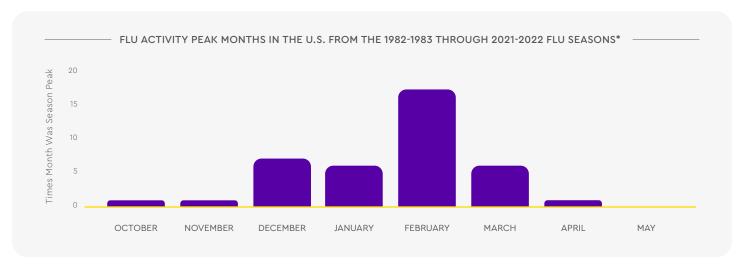
## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VACCINATE AGAINST THE FLU

Flu season can last through spring, so help protect your patients.<sup>1,2</sup>

The average flu season peaks in February and shows late-season influenza activity into March and April, as shown in the graph below.<sup>2</sup> The CDC recommends flu vaccination as long as flu viruses are circulating and you still have unexpired flu vaccines.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>\*</sup>There was no discernible peak in activity during the 2020-2021 season due to the uncharacteristically low level of influenza virus circulation that season.

You can help reduce influenza infections by continuing vaccination efforts throughout the entire flu season.<sup>1</sup>



ACIP guidelines
recommend
completing influenza
vaccinations by the
end of October<sup>1</sup>



ACIP also recommends vaccinating patients after **October 31** to continue providing protection during peak flu season<sup>1</sup>



Flu season usually peaks between January and February<sup>1</sup>



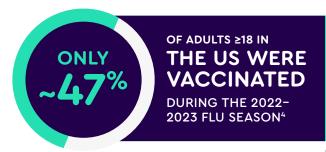
But your
community may not
see influenza activity
until March or
even later<sup>1</sup>

ACIP RECOMMENDS FLU VACCINATION EFFORTS CONTINUE AFTER OCTOBER 31
FOR ALL ELIGIBLE UNVACCINATED PATIENTS!

## MORE OF YOUR PATIENTS WERE AT RISK OF FLU-RELATED COMPLICATIONS

Because less than 50% of adults 18 and older were vaccinated during the 2022-2023 influenza season.<sup>3,a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Data as of April 28, 2023. These are CDC estimates and are subject to change.



In the 2022-2023 flu season<sup>3,b,c</sup>:

:~1.02 million more doses have been administered to adults 18+ in **pharmacies** this season

: ~2.93 million fewer doses have been administered to adults 18+ in medical clinics this season

<sup>b</sup>United States coverage only and data points are subject to change. Data updated April 28, 2023.<sup>3</sup> <sup>c</sup>Data ending April 8, 2023 compared with the same time in April 2022<sup>3</sup>

According to the CDC, between October 1, 2022 and April 30, 2023 there were up to<sup>5,d</sup>:

• 50 million flu cases

- 670,000 flu-related hospitalizations
- 24 million flu-related medical visits 98,000 flu-related deaths

<sup>d</sup>Data as of September, 2023. These are CDC estimates and are subject to change.<sup>5</sup>

## As we enter the 2023-2024 flu season, remember

- A vaccine from the previous flu season may not protect a patient through the upcoming flu season<sup>6</sup>
- Your community may experience flu activity later than others1
- Patients who have had the flu this year can still benefit from a vaccine, as it can help protect against multiple strains<sup>6</sup>

## **HELP PROTECT ELIGIBLE PATIENTS** THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE FLU SEASON



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