

KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT PNEUMOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA

Pneumococcal pneumonia is a potentially serious bacterial lung disease that can cause pneumonia.

Signs

- Fever and chills
- Cough
- Rapid breathing or difficulty breathing
- Chest pain
- Older adults may act slow or confused.

Spread

- Through the air or direct contact with people's saliva or mucus.

Vaccine

- **Get vaccinated against the pneumococcal disease – it's the best way to prevent getting sick.**
- There are different types of pneumococcal vaccines for different ages.
- If you've had pneumococcal disease in the past, get the vaccine to prevent getting it again
- Vaccine side effects are mild and often go away within 2 days



Facts

- Not all pneumococcal bacterial infections lead to pneumonia, and many are mild infections.
- Sometimes pneumococcal germs invade other parts of the body causing severe disease that requires care in a hospital and sometimes causes death.
- Anyone can get pneumococcal disease, but these group are at a highest risk:
 - Children younger than 2 years with certain medical conditions
- People 65 years and older with conditions like asthma, diabetes or COPD **Having the flu increases your chance of getting pneumococcal disease** – so get your flu shot!



Vaccinate now, protect yourself and others.

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