For Adults with LUNG DISEASE:



Important information about a dangerous infection

- If you have lung disease, including COPD, you are more likely to get pneumococcal disease and to have more serious complications. This is because lung disease makes it easier for bacteria to grow in your airways.
- This is true even if your lung disease is well controlled through medication, treatment, or lifestyle management.
- Prevention of pneumococcal disease is very important because the infection can lead to death, hospitalization, and serious complications including brain damage, heart attack, hearing loss, or amputations.

Vaccination can help protect you.

Five reasons adults with LUNG DISEASE should be vaccinated against pneumococcal disease

- Pneumococcal disease is a deadly infection that can strike quickly.
- 2 In its worst forms, pneumococcal disease kills one out of every three people who get it.
- 3 Getting vaccinated is the safest, most effective way to protect yourself.
- Even if vaccination does not prevent the infection, it can reduce its severity, helping to keep you out of the hospital.
- Medicare and most private insurers cover the full cost of vaccination.

If you or a loved one has lung disease, ask a healthcare professional about vaccination today.

For more information, visit: Adultvaccination.org.

