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Minimizing Potential COVID-19 Exposure During Flu Vaccination

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Learning Objectives

1. Understand how screening patients before their visit can reduce the risk of COVID-19
2. Understand the reasons for proper PPE recommendations for vaccinations patients with or without COVID-19
3. Understand the steps needed to safely vaccinate a patient with COVID-19

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About Project Firstline

CDC's Project Firstline is a collaborative of diverse healthcare and public health partners that have come together to make that happen.

The power to stop infections. **Together.**

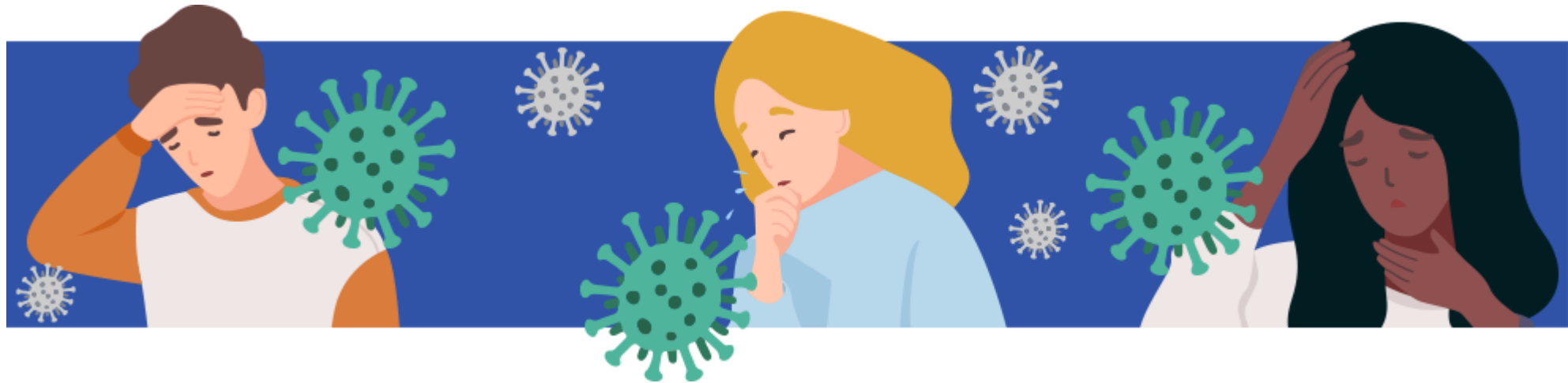


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SARS-COV-2

- Spreads easily from **person** to **person**
- Main transmission risk is from close contact
- Spreads like most other common respiratory viruses



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Why Infection Control?

- Each infection control has a **reason** and a **function**.
- Each infection control strategy and action individually provides some protection including:
 - **source control**
 - **triage and screening**
 - **correct use of PPE**
 - **environmental and hand hygiene**
- Their greatest effect is when they're used **together, correctly and consistently**.

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Before the Appointment and Vaccination (Patients without COVID-19)

Screening patients: Have a way to screen patients for COVID-19

Limit use of waiting areas: patients should only arrive at scheduled time, not before

When necessary, prepare the waiting room and patient rooms:

- Provide supplies
- Place chairs 6 feet apart, when possible
- Remove toys, reading materials, or other communal objects

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At the Appointment

- Develop a plan for where patients will wait
- Separate patients with COVID-19
- Ensure every person entering the facility (patient or not) should wear a mask when they come inside



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During Vaccination

RECOMMENDED

- Hand hygiene before immunization
- Gloves
- Basic medical mask
- Eye protection or face shields (for high level COVID-19 in the community)

OPTIONAL (FOR PATIENTS WITHOUT COVID-19)

- Gown
- Eye Protection (for low level COVID-19 in the community)



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Post-Vaccination

Clean and
disinfect
surfaces

Perform
hand
hygiene

Get rid
of gloves
properly

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Why Hand Hygiene?

Prevents you from passing anything to yourself and others from other infected surfaces

How well hand hygiene works depends on you - no matter how busy you are, you should take time to use the **right equipment**, the **right way**, at the **right time**.

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