

PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE

PREVENTION IN PEOPLE WITH LUNG CONDITIONS

Pneumococcal Disease is an infection caused by *pneumococcal bacteria*

PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE SPREADS THROUGH:



- close contact with others
- contact with contaminated surfaces
- coughs and sneezes

There are two types of pneumococcal vaccines:

The PCV 13 vaccine that protects against 13 types of pneumococcal bacteria (primarily for young children).

The pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine that protects against 23 types of pneumococcal bacteria (primarily for adults).



PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE IMMUNIZATION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH LUNG CONDITIONS, INCLUDING:

ASTHMA

COPD

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

People at **high-risk** of complications or hospitalization due to pneumococcal disease also include:

- Those with a weakened immune system or are immune suppressed;
- Adults 65 years of age and older; children under age 5 – (especially those under age 2);
- Those with a chronic organ disease.

This includes household contacts, health care providers and those who provide essential community services.



Anyone can get pneumococcal disease

While children and older adults are at an increased risk, persons of any age can get pneumococcal disease.



Talk to your doctor, nurse, pharmacist or local public health office about getting immunized against pneumococcal disease.