

Pneumococcal Vaccine Recommended for People with Asthma or Who Smoke

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends adults ages 19 to 64 with asthma get the pneumococcal vaccine "PPV 23". This is based on a study showing they are at an increased risk of pneumococcal diseases. ACIP also recommends that adults ages 19 to 64 who smoke cigarettes get PPV 23. This is the first time the ACIP has recommended a vaccine specifically for people who smoke.

Pneumococcal diseases are caused by common bacteria and can lead to serious bacterial infections of the lungs, lining of the brain, and blood. Other important steps to prevent the spread of pneumonia include: washing your hands often, covering your cough, and staying home when you are sick.

Providers offering PPV23 to people who smoke or have asthma (prices as of 11/12/08):

LifeCare Alliance--\$45

1699 West Mound St., Columbus, Ohio 43223

614-278-3130

Franklin County Board of Health--\$60

280 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Vaccines are provided at several outreach sites around Franklin County. Get the calendar at:

http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/board_of_health/calendar_vaccine.htm

614-462-3160

Kroger The Little Clinic Locations--\$55

Walk in only.

Columbus Square

5727 Emporium Square, Columbus, OH 43231

614-942-0242

East Pointe Crossing

7000 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43213

614-328-0335

Georgesville Square

1585 Georgesville Square Drive, Columbus, OH 43228

614-335-0030

Graceland Center

199 Graceland Blvd., Columbus, OH 43214

614-545-3001

Refugee Road

4485 Refugee Road, Columbus, OH 43232

614-545-3919

Dublin

7100 Hospital Drive, Dublin, OH 43016

614-339-0467

Cemetery Road

4656 Cemetery Road, Hilliard, OH 43026

614-345-0237

Silver Horn Centre

2525 Hilliard Rome Road, Hilliard, OH 43026

614-345-0195

Columbus Public Health is not able to offer this vaccine for people with asthma or who smoke due to funding restrictions for our vaccine provider, the Ohio Department of Health.