**#TogetherAgainstFlu**

**Healthcare workers are at high risk for flu but vaccination rate remains surprisingly low**

**Social media toolkit**

Healthcare workers are committed to improving the health of their patients even in the most critical times such as the current pandemic. Every year, the flu season leads to increased pressure on hospitals and healthcare settings including the staff. This is in part due to the 3 to 5 million serious cases of flu, some of which will require hospitalisation, but also staff sick leave and loss of productivity.

Healthcare workers (HCWs) are generally more exposed to the influenza virus than the general population. They risk not only getting sick with the flu, but also transmitting the infection to patients some of whom are particularly vulnerable because of an already low immune system. Studies show that an estimated 20% of HCWs are infected with the flu virus every year.

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### **Main resources to leverage:**

* [#TogetherAgainstFlu website](https://togetheragainstflu.com/)
* [#TogetherAgainstFlu latest article: Healthcare workers are at high risk for flu but vaccination rate remains surprisingly low](https://togetheragainstflu.com/news/healthcare-workers-vaccination-low/)
* [Animation video: Key factors for a successful flu vaccination program for healthcare workers (HCW)](https://togetheragainstflu.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/TAF_SM-022022_HCWs_v2.mp4)

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