Poll Questions

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Nursing homes should require flu shots for all staff and patients, most older adults say

Questions were answered by respondents age 50-80.

Q1. In your opinion, to prevent the spread of influenza (the flu) to residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities, should flu vaccine be required for any of the following groups?

[Definitely require/possible require/do not require for each statement]

- 1. Medical staff at the facility
- 2. Other staff at the facility (food service, administrators)
- 3. Visitors to the facility
- 4. Residents of the facility

Q2. Which of the following actions would you support to encourage flu vaccines for staff at nursing homes and assisted living facilities?

[Support/do not support for each statement]

- 1. Mandate that all staff get vaccinated in order to keep their job
- 2. Provide vaccine for free, onsite
- 3. Bonus pay for staff who get flu vaccine
- 4. Do not allow unvaccinated staff to come to work if they are sick

Q3. Suppose that 33% of the staff at a nursing home or assisted living facility (1 in 3) do not get flu vaccine each year. Would that affect your decisions about choosing that facility for yourself or a family member?

- 1. Would make me MUCH LESS likely to choose that facility
- 2. Would make me SLIGHTLY LESS likely to choose that facility
- 3. Would not affect my decision

Participants were also asked demographic questions on age, gender, health status and insurance status.

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