

## Flu vaccine rate expected to reach all-time high for 2020-2021 season

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(HealthDay)—Two-thirds of U.S. adults have received or intend to



receive an influenza vaccination this flu season, according to a survey released by the University of Georgia (UGA).

Glen Nowak, director of the UGA Center for Health and Risk Communication in Athens, and colleagues conducted a survey of 1,027 U.S. adults in December 2020.

According to the results of the survey, 43.5 percent of respondents reported having already received a flu vaccination, with an additional 13.5 percent stating they "definitely will get one" and 9.3 percent stating they "probably will get one." This increase in vaccination, which was only 48.4 percent in 2019-2020, was driven by people 60 years and older, of whom 61.5 percent said they already received the influenza vaccine, 12 percent said they "would definitely get it," and 5.8 percent said they "would probably get it."

"These results strongly suggest the United States will be crossing an important threshold this <u>flu season</u>, which is over half of U.S. adults getting a flu vaccination," Nowak said in a statement.

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