

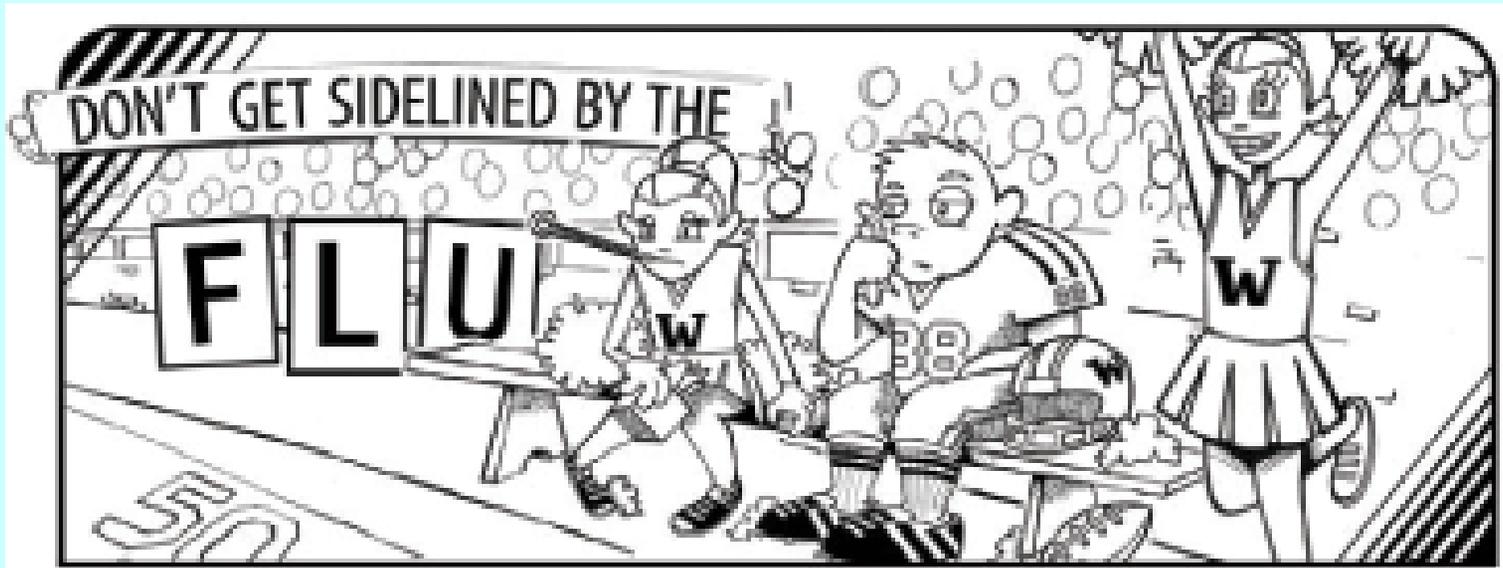
What You Can Do to Stop the Flu!

Influenza Prevention for Middle School Students



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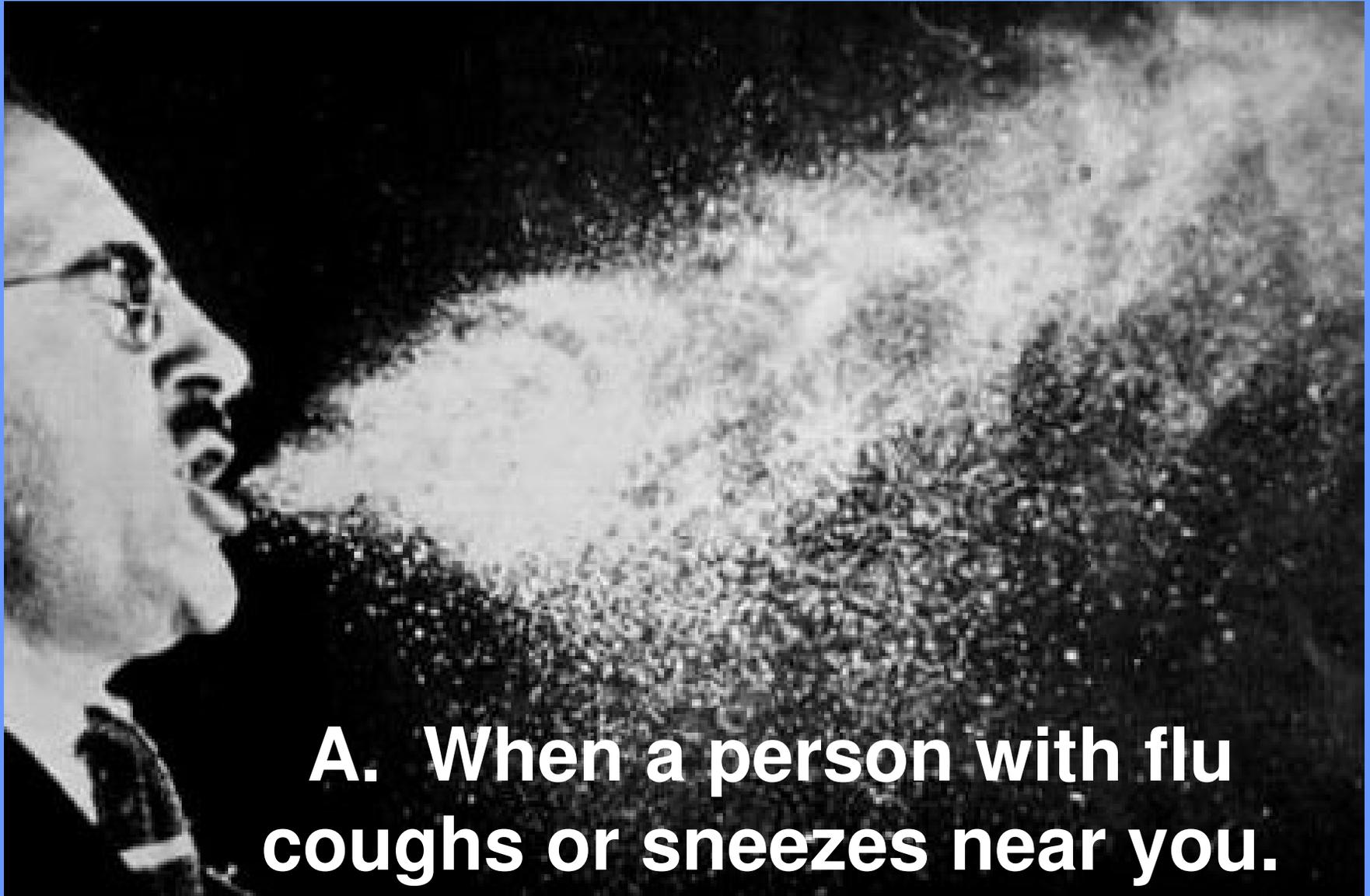
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What is Influenza (the Flu)?

- Flu is a respiratory infection caused by influenza viruses.
- Flu can be mild to severe and, at times, can cause death.

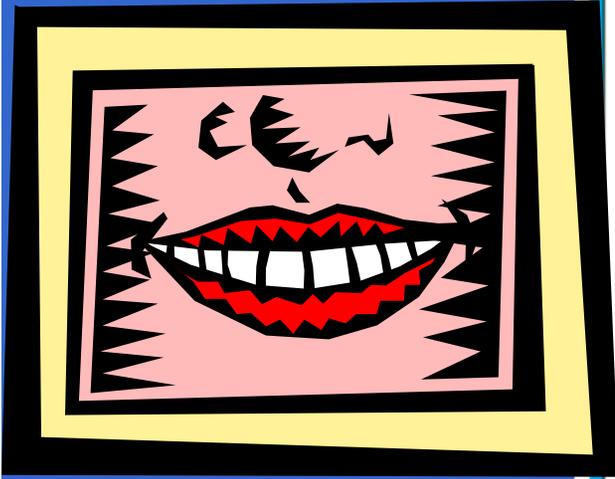
How Flu Spreads



A. When a person with flu coughs or sneezes near you.

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B. When you touch something that has flu viruses on it and then you touch your mouth or nose with your hand.



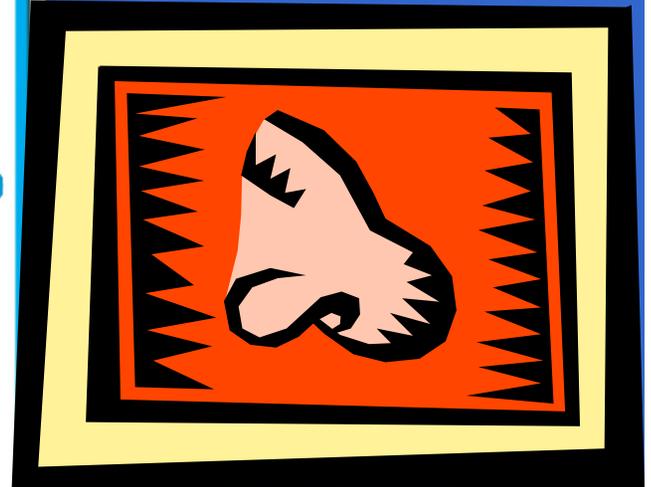
What Are the Top 10 Ways to Spread Germs?

A diagram of two hands, palms facing each other, with fingers numbered 1 through 10. The numbers are: 1 (thumb), 2 (index), 3 (middle), 4 (ring), 5 (pinky) for the left hand; and 6 (thumb), 7 (index), 8 (middle), 9 (ring), 10 (pinky) for the right hand.

CLEAN YOUR HANDS

Wash with soap & water

www.publichealth.va.gov/InfectionDontPassItOn Department of Veterans Affairs
Wash 3 - All



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C. By close contact with people who have the flu virus.



Flu Symptoms



- High fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Body aches
- Headache
- Chills
- Tiredness
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea (more common in children)

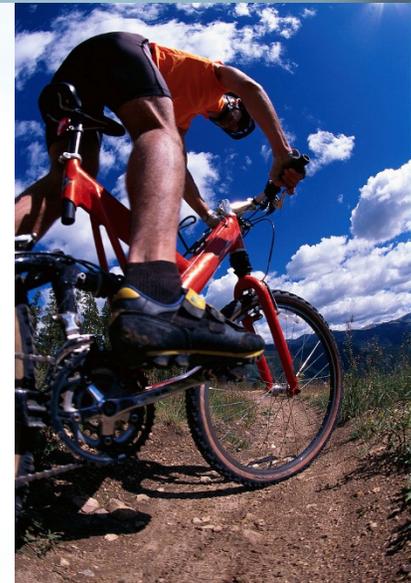
Getting the flu vaccine every year is the single best way to fight the flu.



“Flu Shots”

Healthy Habits Can Stop Flu

- **Get enough sleep.**
- **Exercise to stay strong.**
- **Drink lots of fluids.**
- **Eat healthy foods.**
- **Try to stay away from people while they are sick.**



Good Manners = Good Prevention



- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Don't have a tissue?

- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder if you don't have a tissue.

Then wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer!



Wash Flu Viruses Away!

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water.**
 - Make sure to wash after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose!

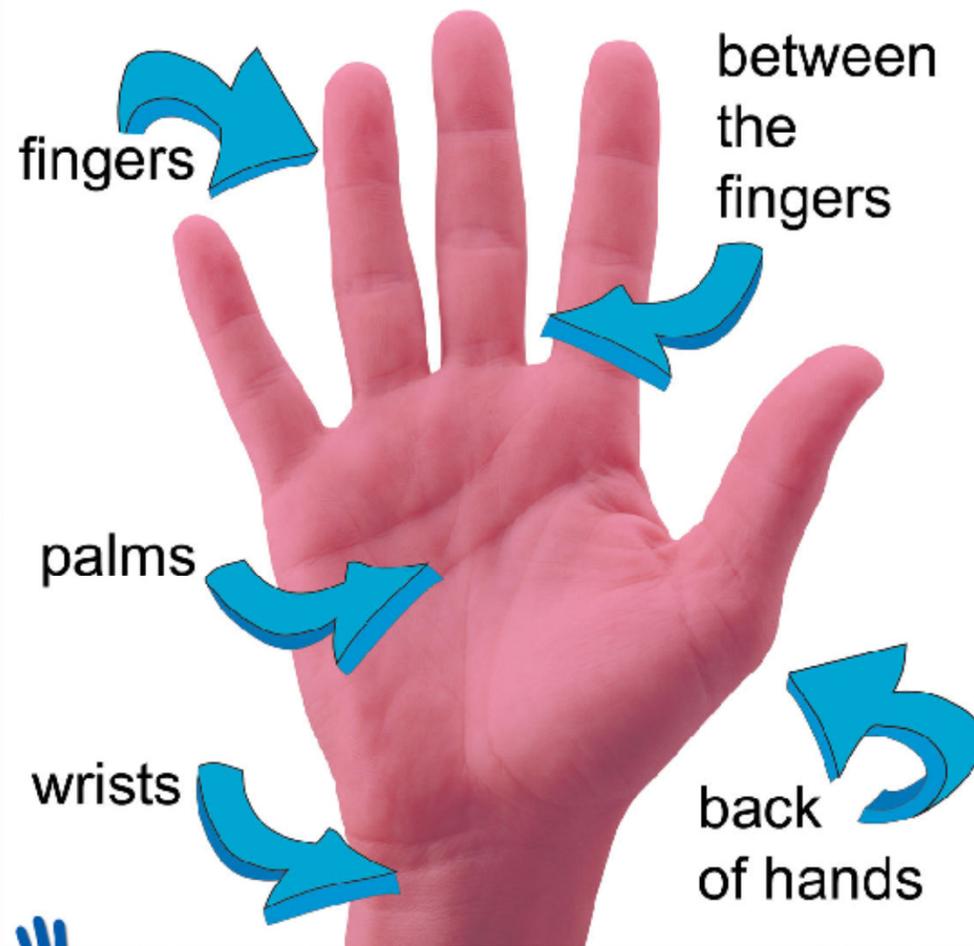




- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least **20 seconds** – this is the time it takes to sing “Happy Birthday” **2 times!**

WHERE TO WASH

Wash all surfaces thoroughly



**What if there's no
soap and water?**



You can use an alcohol-based
hand sanitizer.
Rub the gel or foam all over your hands
and fingers until they dry.

Stay Home if You Are Sick!

- Keep your germs to yourself!



**Keep 'em
home!**



www.flu.gov »

Flu Spreads Quickly!

- ▶ Wherever lots of things are shared like in public places, at school, or at work, **hand washing** will help prevent infection.
- ▶ **Stock up** on tissues, hand sanitizer and related flu season items now.





**More information on flu
can be found at
www.cdc.gov/flu**

