# VACCINE QUESTIONS WITH SOME “ANSWER” PROMPTS

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1) Flu season is coming and people with disabilities need to get their flu shot just like in every other year, right? Should they get it now or wait?

(Sample answer, “yes! Get it now if it is available to you at your local pharmacy or your doctor’s office)

For some people with disabilities, they are unable to wear a mask, which makes going out in public a problem. Or, in the past, they may also have gotten their flu shot at their job or day program site. Clearly, that is not happening this year as most people are at home.

2) Do you have any recommendations for a safe way to get the flu shot?

(Maybe there are ways the community can help get nurses to people’s homes or to drive through vaccination sites, as they have for COVID testing)

3) Can you explain in very basic terms Dr. Berreman what the flu shot is, what it does and why it’s important for everyone – and maybe most especially, for people with disabilities to get one?

4) The flu shot is different from the COVID vaccine that has not yet been developed and is not yet available right? If I get a flu shot will I also need to get the COVID-19 vaccination when it is out?

(Correct! The flu shot is very different. It is very safe and has been around a long time. It’s important to get it every year. The vaccine for COVID is still being developed. We will alert people when it is ready and safe to get but people with disabilities should absolutely get it when it is ready.)

5) Some people think getting shots is not necessary or it can make you sick. What do you think and what should I tell people who try to say that the flu shot or any vaccine is dangerous?