Influenza is a serious, potentially life-threatening disease but cases increase between October and March in the U.S. Flu can cause absences at school and result in lost production at work.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), estimate that in the United States, on average 5% to 20% of the population get the flu each year and more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from seasonal flu-related complications. Flu seasons can be unpredictable and severe.

**So, who should get the flu vaccine?**
Anyone over 6 months of age should get a flu shot yearly, especially those individuals at high risk for flu including:
- Children younger than 5 (especially those younger than 2 years old);
- Adults 65 years and older;
- Pregnant women and
- Residents in nursing homes/long-term care facilities.

People with the following medical conditions are considered at high risk for flu and should also be immunized yearly:
- Asthma;
- Neurological conditions;
- Heart disease;
- Blood disorders (like sickle cell anemia);
- Kidney and liver disorders;
- Metabolic disorders;
- Weakened immune systems;
- People who are younger than 19 on aspirin therapy and people who are morbidly obese.

**Are there people who should not get a flu shot?**
Talk to your doctor if you . . .
- have had a past reaction to the flu shot;
- are recovering from a moderate to severe illness, or
- have a history or Guillain-Barré Syndrome.

**When should you get vaccinated?**
Flu season usually runs from October through May. Doctors recommend you get the vaccine as early as September to maximize protection for you and your family. It usually takes two to four weeks for the vaccine to give you immunity.

**Can I get the flu from a flu shot?**
No. The injection you will receive is a dead virus - it cannot give you the flu. However, you may experience side effects such as a sore arm, mild fever or achiness that may last up to two days. In years past the alternative to the flu shot was Flu Mist, a nasal flu spray. However, earlier this summer, the Centers for Disease Control stated they DO NOT recommend Flu Mist because of studies showing its ineffectiveness in protecting individuals from getting the flu.

**What is the High Dose Flu Vaccine?**
Th high dose vaccine contains four times the amount of antigen (which prompts the body to make antibodies) as the regular flu vaccine. The high dose vaccine is approved for use in adults 65 years and older. As we age our immune systems weaken and immune responses decrease. A recent study indicated that a high-dose vaccine was more effective in preventing flu in adults 65+.

**What is the difference between the flu and a cold?**
A cold may begin gradually and develop over several days. The flu comes on suddenly and is accompanied by some or all of the following symptoms:
- Fever* or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

The Austin Diagnostic Clinic, will offer flu shots for adults 18 years and older at all doctor's offices, including Steiner Ranch, during regular business hours. Parents should contact their pediatrician or family doctor to schedule flu shots for children under 18 years old.
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Braces at 7-Years-Old, Is That Too Young?

For years, orthodontics have been a “reactive” profession. Parents would slowly watch their child’s teeth go from bad to worse while waiting for the baby teeth to fall out, then finally visit an orthodontist for a set of braces. Today, orthodontics has evolved into a “prevention focused” profession. Longterm research studies have proven that preventing a problem from occurring is better than allowing the problem to occur and then fixing it. The American Association of Orthodontics (AAO) and the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) both recommend every child have an evaluation no later than age 7. Timing is of the essence, because the ability to correct certain problems greatly diminishes as the child develops over time.

Early detection and correction can also prevent future extractions, improve self-esteem, decrease the overall cost of orthodontic treatment, and decrease the chances of dental complications later on. Another benefit of early correction includes improved stability which decreases the likelihood of teeth shifting back to the original, improper position later in life.

Although there are many benefits to treatment at an early age, it is not recommended for every child. Children treated unnecessarily can negatively impact their dental health, and increase the total overall expenses for parents. This is one reason it is imperative for parents to choose a board-certified orthodontist for treatment. A board certified orthodontist has demonstrated competence and is held accountable for their work by the American Board of Orthodontics. Only 1 out of 3 orthodontists are board-certified, so do not make the mistake of assuming an orthodontist holds this recognition. Your board-certified orthodontist will inform you if the time is right for orthodontic treatment.

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Problems to Watch for in Growing Children

Malocclusions (“bad bites”) like those illustrated below, may benefit from early diagnosis and referral to an orthodontic specialist for a full evaluation.

- **Crossbite of Front Teeth**: Top teeth are behind bottom teeth
- **Crossbite of Back Teeth**: Top teeth are to the inside of bottom teeth
- **Crowding**: The lower teeth sit in front of upper teeth when back teeth are closed
- **Open Bite**: Front teeth do not meet when back teeth are closed
- **Protrusion**: Underbite
- **Spacing**: The lower teeth sit in front of upper teeth when back teeth are closed
- **Underbite**: The lower teeth sit in front of upper teeth when back teeth are closed
- **Oral Habits**: Sucking on thumb, fingers

In addition, if you notice any of the following in your child, check with your orthodontist:

- Early or late loss of baby teeth
- Difficulty in chewing or biting
- Mouth breathing
- Jaws that shift or make sounds
- Speech difficulties
- Biting the cheek or the roof of the mouth
- Facial imbalance
- Grinding or clenching of the teeth

Malocclusions may benefit from early diagnosis and referral to an orthodontic specialist for a full evaluation. Final treatment decisions should be made among the parent, child’s dentist and orthodontist.

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Is your child on pace for math success?

The fall semester is well underway, and it’s time for a math checkup! Can your child answer these mental math questions? The results may surprise you! If they can solve questions at and above grade level, they could be ready for a challenge! If they are unable to answer questions at their grade level or below, they may be in need of extra help.

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Whether your child is far behind, performing at grade level, or eager to get ahead, Mathnasium’s personalized programs can help. Contact us today to get started!

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