



Article 4. Worth the Shot

In the current climate of Covid-19 it is more important than ever to ensure the protection of older adults, and those with underlying chronic conditions, against vaccine preventable diseases.

While there has recently been necessary focus on the importance of influenza vaccination from governments and public health leaders around the world, pneumococcal pneumonia has unfortunately been left out of the spotlight. This is especially worrying, considering people infected with influenza who contract pneumonia experience even worse outcomes and increased hospitalisation rates.

As a result, The World Coalition on Adult Vaccination is calling on professional, patient and advocacy organisations, together with all levels of government to increase their investment in educating and encouraging older adults and those with chronic diseases to be vaccinated against influenza and pneumococcal pneumonia.



 In line with the WHO Immunisation Agenda 2030, the World Coalition on Adult Vaccination urges a cross-sectoral approach to investment and communication regarding the importance of vaccination against respiratory disease to reduce functional **decline**, hospitalisations, **morbidity**, **mortality** and healthcare costs, especially in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

