



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.

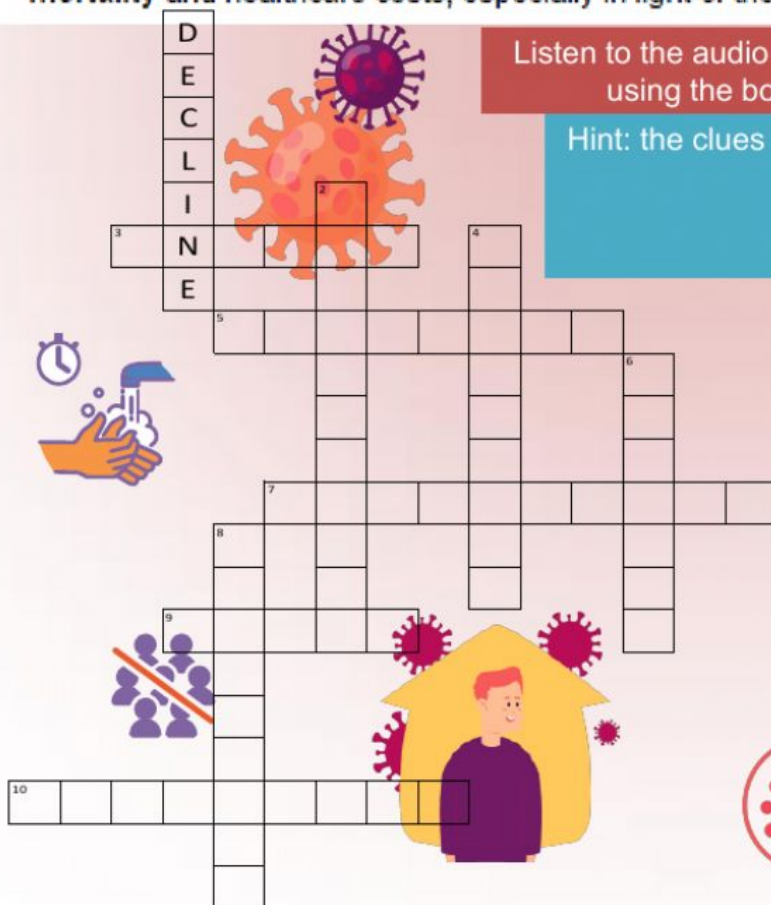
As a result, The World **Coalition** on Adult Vaccination is calling on professional, patient and **advocacy** organisations, together with all levels of government to increase their investment in educating and encouraging older adults and those with chronic diseases to be **vaccinated** against influenza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

Listen to the audio and then complete the crossword using the bold words from the passage

Hint: the clues are **synonyms** to the bold words (no.1 DOWN is an example)



ACROSS

- 3. Secure
- 5. Support
- 7. Immunized
- 9. Presses
- 10. Unhealthy

DOWN

- 1. Decrease
- 2. Avoidable
- 4. Alliance
- 6. Overlooked
- 8. Death