

Assignment:

Use these questions below to prepare for a debate on social media regarding mandated vaccinations.

Prior to completing these questions, you should finish watching the PBS NOVA documentary and watching the two-part animation “Herd Immunity” (or any other resources provided by your instructor).

Part I: General Understanding of Vaccinations

1. List at least two benefits of vaccinations (from the NOVA documentary).

2. What is herd immunity and how does it protect people who are unvaccinated?

Part II: The Flu Vaccination

Please use <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/> as your primary source of information to answer the following questions. You may use additional academic resources if provided by your instructor.

1. What is the “flu?”

2. According to the CDC, what is the best way to prevent flu?

3. How does the flu spread? (<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/spread.htm>)

4. How can people prevent spreading and getting the flu (other than being vaccinated)?

5. What are the benefits of the flu vaccine?

6. What are some misconceptions of the flu vaccine?
(<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/misconceptions.htm>)

7. Based on the page listed, write a brief summary of who should get the flu and who should not. <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/whoshouldvax.htm#flu-shot>

8. What are risks of the flu vaccine? <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/general.htm>

Part III: Stance on Mandatory Flu Vaccinations for Health Care Workers

9. Based on your readings, develop a stance on mandatory flu vaccinations for healthcare workers. Some questions to consider:
 - a. Why might it be important for healthcare workers to get flu vaccinations?
 - b. Is the flu shot effective?
 - c. Why might some healthcare workers be opposed to mandatory flu vaccinations?
 - d. What are some other ways to prevent the flu?

10. Should vaccinations for healthcare workers be mandatory (Yes/No)?
 - a. List two reasons to support your stance.