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WITH THE FLU SEASON IN FULL SWING IN NORTH CAROLINA MANY OF YOU ARE WORRIED AND TAKING PRECAUTIONS.

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PHYSICIANS WITH EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY WANT YOU TO TAKE THE FLU SERIOUSLY...
HOWEVER AT THIS POINT... THEY DON’T BELIEVE THIS FLU SEASON TO BE ANY DIFFERENT THAN A TYPICAL FLU SEASON.
ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION... UP TO 56,000 PEOPLE DIE EVERY YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES DUE TO THE FLU AND UP TO 700,000 PEOPLE ARE HOSPITALIZED BECAUSE OF IT.
DOCTORS SAY... YOU NEED TO TAKE THE FLU SERIOUSLY AND TO GET A FLU SHOT IF YOU HAVEN’T AREADY.

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Supers:
Dr. Alicia Lagasca/ECU, Infectious Diseases

Even though flu season is up and full blown, it’s still important to get your flu vaccine because there are still cases and you’re going to be protected within two weeks of getting that vaccine. We’re still encouraging everyone to get the flu vaccine.

OR

The flu has always been bad. Flu can cause a person, who is otherwise healthy, such as someone from the age of 20 to 30 in college, winding up on a breathing machine in the hospital.

OR

I think there has been some stir that the vaccine doesn’t work anymore. But so far the CDC has analyzed our current strain that’s circulating and the strain in the vaccine and it’s similar.

VO CONT
DR. DR. LAGASCA (LA-GAW-SKA) SAYS... FLU SYMPTOMS ARE SIMILAR TO A COLD WITH THE RUNNY NOSE, COUGH AND SORE THROAT... HOWEVER WITH THE FLU YOU WILL HAVE A HIGH FEVER AND BODY ACHES.