Ebola is Scary, But Flu Kills More People

As reports of the Ebola virus dominated the headlines recently, the fact is that only four people in the United States have been diagnosed with it.

On the other hand, influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes death. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. Over a period of 31 seasons between 1976 and 2007, estimates of flu-associated deaths in the United States range from a low of about 3,000 to a high of about 49,000 people. During a regular flu season, about 90 percent of deaths occur in people 65 years and older. “Flu season” in the United States can begin as early as October and last as late as May.

An annual seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to reduce the chances that you will get seasonal flu and spread it to others. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through that community.

Get your flu shot today!

Astral™ offers a broad range of therapy modes for adult and pediatric patients, while delivering excellence in leak and valve ventilation for invasive and noninvasive use. The combination of its internal and external batteries delivers an impressive 24-hours total runtime. So patients can now go longer and travel further, knowing they have the reliability of Astral behind them. Combined with the lightweight Quattro Air NV full face mask, ResMed delivers a complete therapy solution designed for performance and comfort.

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