What do they all have in common?

They are all at increased risk for an infection called pneumococcal disease.

- **Pneumococcal disease** can cause pneumonia, meningitis, or bloodstream infection (sepsis), which can lead to severe complications, hospitalizations, or death.

Getting vaccinated is the safest, most effective way to protect yourself.

Nearly **one million people** get pneumococcal pneumonia in the US every year and 5 to 7 percent of them die.

Pneumococcal meningitis and bloodstream infection are less common, but more deadly.

One in every four to five people over the age of 65 who get it will die.

Ask your healthcare provider about pneumococcal vaccination today.

Medicare and most private insurers cover the cost of vaccination for those who need it.