

The Flu Shot: Dialogue

Mark: Hi Rosa, how are you? What's new?

Rosa: *Hi Mark, nice to see you. Not much is new. I am on my way to get my flu shot.*

Mark: Where are you going to get your flu shot? Are you going to your doctor's office?

Rosa: *No. I could go there but instead I am going to get my shot at CVS. It is much easier than going all the way to the doctor's office. CVS is much more convenient.*

Mark: Is it expensive?

Rosa: *No, it costs nothing. Insurance covers the flu shot.*

Mark: *I had the flu last year. I was sick for two weeks. I had a headache, the chills and I was tired all the time.*

Rosa: Well, maybe you get the flu shot. The vaccine is very helpful. It helps to prevent you from catching the flu.

Mark: *I heard that the vaccine can make you sick.*

Rosa: *That hardly ever happens. You might feel a little bit sick for a day or two but it is a lot better than catching the flu.*

Mark: Do you mind the needle? Does it bother you to get the shot?

Rosa: *Not at all. I barely notice it when they give the shot. It's over with before you know it.*

Mark: You know I heard on the news that the city manager is asking everyone to get a flu shot this year.

Rosa: *That's because the symptoms of the flu are similar to symptoms of the coronavirus. And it may be difficult for doctors to be able to tell if someone has the flu or the coronavirus. So they are trying to limit the spread of the flu.*

Mark: Well that makes sense. You know what? I am going to plan on getting a flu shot also. I will plan on going to CVS for my flu shot tomorrow.

Rosa: *You will be glad that you did.*

Mark: Thanks for the good advice Rosa. I will see you soon.

Rosa: Good-bye Mark. Stay healthy.