Estimate of Respiratory Deaths due to Seasonal Influenza 290 000 – 650 000 annually

Annual seasonal influenza deaths likely higher than previously estimated







PREVIOUS ESTIMATE 250 000 - 500 000 (including respiratory and other deaths e.g. cardiovascular)



WHO and partners are working to update the estimate of annual seasonal influenza deaths

Ongoing research studies are expected to yield substantially higher estimates of
all influenza-related deaths over the next few years

The new estimate considers



RECENT DATA*



Data from more **COUNTRIES**



Improvements in
- INFLUENZA
SURVEILLANCE

- VIRUS DETECTION

- DATA QUALITY

The new estimates will allow countries and regions to



compare their own data with others



INFLUENCE policy



DECIDE on preventior and control measures

WHO supports countries in generating national estimates to



ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS of their influenza prevention and control strategies



UNDERSTAND THE NATIONAL BURDEN



DECIDE ON INTERVENTIONS



BETTER UNDERSTAND the global burden of influenza disease



