

2014-2015 Flu Vaccination Compliance Requirements

Flu season officially begins November 1, 2014 and concludes March 31, 2015. Mandated flu vaccinations for all SHC Medical Staff without a medical or religious exemption begin Wednesday, September 17th. The deadline for receiving the vaccine is November 1, 2014.

NEW 2014 Reporting Protocol: CDC NHSN states we can no longer accept a verbal statement for the proof of flu vaccination. Acceptable forms of documentation include:

- A signed statement or form, or an electronic form or email from a healthcare worker (HCW) indicating when and where he/she received the influenza vaccine.
- A note, receipt, vaccination card, etc. from the outside vaccinating entity stating that the HCW received the influenza vaccine at that location.

Flu Compliance Dedicated Email: Please send to flu@stanfordmed.org all forms of documentation and any questions.

Egg-free vaccine: For those with an egg allergy and who would not otherwise be vaccinated we now have an egg-free vaccine. The egg-free vaccine is available only in the ground floor offices of OccHealth.

The state of California continues to mandate participation in the influenza vaccination program. In Santa Clara County masks will be required in patient care areas for those who do not receive the vaccine starting November 1, 2014 and continuing through March 31, 2015. (Masks will not be required in the Redwood City clinics in San Mateo County.) Hospital staff and physicians who have been vaccinated will be identified by orange dots affixed to their ID badges.

If you are in a facility that does not provide flu vaccines you may request a “get a free flu vaccine” card from Occupational Health. Simply send an email to flu@stanfordmed.org to request one. The card is accepted at more than 25,000 pharmacy locations including Walgreens, CVS, Target and Rite Aid.

The Medical Staff vaccine policy, [Med Staff Flu Shot Policy](#), is intended to protect your own health, the health of your co-workers, and most importantly the health of our patients. Medical staff members who are not vaccinated or fail to provide proof of exemption will be subject to suspension of privileges and loss of access to EPIC beginning November 3, 2014. Such suspensions will remain in force until the member is vaccinated, declares an exemption (see policy), or until the policy is deactivated at the end of flu season.

Flu Vaccination Schedule

Flu vaccine clinics will be available for Medical Staff beginning September 17th in Occupational Health or in the units. For a complete schedule of flu vaccine clinics including offsite locations, [click here](#).

Medical Staff Clinic

For the convenience of the Medical Staff a vaccination station will be set up in the [Occupational Health Services Clinic](#) (across from escalators, basement of Main Hospital) September 17th through November 1st during the following hours:

Mon / Wed 7:00 am to 3:30 pm
Tue / Thur 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
Fridays 7:00 am to 2:30 pm

NOTE: Medical Staff members can also get their annual required TB test done at the same time.