



New Staff Influenza Immunization Initiative: Protect Your Patients. Protect Yourself

Influenza Is Serious and Preventable

Every year, over 200,000 Americans are hospitalized and more than 36,000 die from influenza and influenza-related complications. In fact, influenza—a vaccine-preventable disease—is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States.

Health Care Workers Have a Special Obligation

As health care workers, we have a responsibility to protect our patients by making sure we are immunized against influenza each year. Many of us come in contact with patients who are at high risk for influenza-related complications, including certain children, adults over the age of 65, and patients with chronic illness. Health care workers can be a key cause of influenza outbreaks in health care settings.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends annual influenza immunization for all health care workers. Unfortunately, less than 50% of health care workers choose to be immunized against influenza each year, putting our patients at risk.

Free Influenza Vaccinations Will Be Available Here Soon

Influenza Immunization Has a Decades-Long Record of Safety

Influenza immunization is safe and effective and has been available for many decades. To learn more about the influenza vaccine, attend one of our employee informational meetings.

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