



Public Health Advisory : Promoting the Importance of Flu Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel

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All healthcare personnel (HCP) are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to receive annual influenza vaccination to reduce influenza-related morbidity and mortality among HCP and their patients. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) internet panel survey data, an employer vaccination requirement is a strong predictor for healthcare worker flu vaccination.

In 2022, Governor Murphy signed state law P.L. 2019 c.330 (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-18.79) which requires flu vaccination for all employees of hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies and potentially additional sites designated by the N.J. Department of Health. Employers are required to provide employee education regarding the importance of flu vaccination.

The New Jersey Department of Health, Vaccine-Preventable Disease Program has been collaborating with professional stakeholders to build upon the existing resources to ensure flu education materials are comprehensive and useful to all healthcare administrators and employees. The seasonal influenza website, <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/flu.shtml>, has a new section titled “**Flu Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel**” which includes a 10-minute educational module that healthcare administrators can use to educate employees about the flu vaccination mandate and/or as part of an annual vaccination campaign. The module addresses concerns about vaccine side effects and effectiveness since these are often cited as common barriers for receiving an influenza vaccine. To view the module, visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2307038602381187088> to register. The end of the module includes a brief knowledge check, and a certificate of completion is offered.

In addition to the module, the flu website contains CDC and Immunization Action Coalition resources, information about the NJ Influenza Honor Roll, as well as a link to the New Jersey Hospital Association’s comprehensive toolkit. The Vaccine Preventable Disease Program will be creating additional educational materials in the near future. We ask that you please share this information with your colleagues and contacts.

Resources and References:

State law P.L. 2019 c.330 (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-18.79)

CDC Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Health Care Personnel — United States, 2020–21 Influenza Season

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/fluview/hcp-coverage_1920-21-estimates.htm

New Jersey Department of Health Seasonal Influenza website, <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/flu.shtml>

New Jersey Department of Health Flu Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel Module

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