New Flu Vaccine Policy

Everyone at our health system has a responsibility to protect our patients, families and each other from the spread of disease. This year we're taking our commitment to the health and wellness of our community one step further by requiring all employees to receive the flu vaccine.

Under the new influenza vaccination policy, all workforce members must receive their annual vaccine by Dec. 1, 2015 or an approved medical or religious exemption. Those with an approved exemption are required to wear a mask for the entire flu season before they can enter any clinical building where we provide patient care or where patients may be present. Wearing a mask if you are not vaccinated protects our vulnerable patient population and also protects you, your family, and colleagues from getting sick.

This policy applies to everyone who works at our health system, including regular and temporary staff, faculty, students, trainees, vendors, contract personnel and volunteers, regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact. This includes Medical School employees and those who work in non-clinical settings. Non-UMHS employees in non-clinical UMHS facilities are not impacted by this policy.

Health systems across the country have already adopted this best practice, which is proven to reduce the spread of flu.

NCRC Flu Clinic
7:30AM - 3:30PM
Monday, November 2nd
Building 16, Rooms B001E & B003E

There are many opportunities to get your flu shot at UMHS, including free flu clinics in September and October. Vaccines are also available at Occupational Health Services in the Med Inn Building or from clinical unit flu liaisons. Make sure to have your UMHS ID badge and medical record number (MRN) ready when you arrive. You’ll receive a sticker for your UMHS employee ID badge after getting the shot.

If you get your flu shot at your doctor’s office, pharmacy or any other location outside of UMHS, make sure to get documentation on paper.
with your name on it. Give this to your department’s compliance contact so they can record it and give you a sticker for your ID badge.

If you have a religious belief or medical condition that prevents you from receiving the flu vaccine, you may submit an exemption form to Occupational Health Services for review by Nov. 1, 2015. Employees who receive an exemption must put on a mask before entering any clinical care building. Later this year, the Infection Prevention and Epidemiology team will notify everyone when flu season begins, which will alert those who received an exemption to start wearing a mask before they enter clinical buildings.

More information about this year’s flu prevention program, including Frequently Asked Questions, is available on our Flu Website. Thank you for doing your part to protect our patients, families, visitors and employees from the spread of flu.

Website: http://www.med.umich.edu/u/flu

Facilities

- Building 20: Fire Alarm Test
- Building 520: Pedestrian Sidewalk Installation Project - Work Beginning/Road Closure

Click here to view all NCRC Notifications & Updates

Events

- 9/29 - NCRC Produce Day
- 9/29 - Learn the Basics of Budgeting for Research Grants at MICHRI Workshop
- 9/30 - Michigan Laboratory Safety Fair
- 10/1 - TOP Seminar Series: Ronald J. Buckanovich MD, PhD
- 10/1 - Chemical Engineering Seminar Series: Roseanne Ford
- 10/8 - CBSSM Seminar: Jodyn Platt, MPH, PhD
- 11/2 - NCRC Flu Clinic

Announcements

- Food Service Provider Update: The cafeteria in Building 18 will be closed as of Monday, September 28th to allow the new food vendor, who will be announced shortly, time to renovate before reopening in early October.
- Did you know people who attend Weight Watchers meetings lose 3 times more weight as those who go it alone? Join the NCRC Weight Watchers Group! All participants must register online for the At Work Weight Watchers session by October 5th.
- Why Are We at Risk of Losing Funding for Residents and Fellows?
- Early Tech Development Course - The ETD Course is the most efficient way to get your idea off the ground and plugged into a network of medical innovation experts.
- High-speed research data storage now available
• **Tech Tip**: Do you know how to avoid eye strain when using your laptop? How to adjust your chair to prevent back or neck injuries? MHealthy provides some helpful guidelines for how to minimize injuries in the office, lab, or at home. If you have questions call 763-7770 or email msishelp@umich.edu.

• **Go beyond the classroom to make a real-world impact** - Join the University-wide student competition, Innovation in Action, to create new solutions to real-world Public Health and Education challenges. Applications due October 9.

• **Register Now for November 19 Research Mentoring Forum**

• **MLibrary@NCRC**: Need to purchase data for your research? Apply for a Library Data Grant: October 1 deadline

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**Reminders**

• **MCubed 2.0 Launched!**

• **Need Expert Advice on Your Research?** Have you met with MICHRI yet? **MICHR’s Research Development Core (RDC)**

• **Research Opportunities Needed for Bright and Enthusiastic Undergraduates**

• **Notary Service offered at NCRC!**