

DID YOU KNOW...

Flu season is approaching, and it's TIME TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT

CDC, ACIP & HICPAC recommends a yearly influenza vaccine for everyone 6 months of age & older as the first & most important step in protecting against influenza & its potentially serious complications. Healthcare workers (HCW) play a significant role in helping protect their patients by getting vaccinated against influenza.


MVH's Mandatory Influenza Vaccination policy states that all employees must be vaccinated or sign a Reasonable Accommodation (declination) form **by Nov 1**. The reasonable accommodation for non-vaccinated HCWs to continue working is they must **wear a surgical or procedure mask** while at work in any MVH facility during the flu season from Nov 1 to Mar 31.

MVH offers free flu vaccinations to all employees, volunteers, etc. This year the process is as follows:

- ❖ All clinical depts. capable of administering vaccinations will vaccinate their own staff. Managers please contact pharmacy for the vaccine.
- ❖ All other depts. must contact the pharmacy by email rxorders@mvhospital.net to set up a time for the pharmacy to come to their dept. and vaccinate their staff. Please be respectful of the Pharmacy's time and make the process as efficient as possible.
- ❖ Employees may also go to Employee Health (call for appointment at (208)542-7021), Pre-Op, or Med-Surg to receive the vaccine. Please be patient with this process. These depts. have kindly offered to do this in addition to caring for their patients.
- ❖ The Flu Vaccine Consents, Vaccine Information Statements and Reasonable Accommodation forms are located on the intranet under Infection Control.
- ❖ **We must have proof of vaccination! Please send all completed consent and declination forms to Janet Wirkus in QA via inter-office mail, or email to jwirkus@mvhospital.net , or fax to 208-542-7321.**



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not the flu!