

Last Chance to Get Your Flu Shot!

Do you know the two consequences for not getting a flu vaccination by **tomorrow**, November 1, 2014? First, **suspension of clinical privileges and loss of Epic access will begin on Monday, November 3rd** for all Medical Staff members who are not vaccinated or who fail to provide proof of exemption. Suspension of privileges and loss of Epic access will remain in effect **until the Medical Staff member is vaccinated, formally declares an exemption or until the flu season ends**. Secondly, Santa Clara County regulations require all Medical Staff who declare an exemption to wear a mask in the patient areas from November 1, 2014 until March 31, 2015.

Still Opportunity to get a Flu Shot

For the convenience of the Medical Staff, flu shots will be given today, Friday October 31, in Occupational Health Services Clinic (across from escalators, basement of Main Hospital) until 2:30p and in the Atrium until 7:00p.

Medical Staff members can get the flu vaccine in any location. Anyone who receives the vaccine outside of SHC need only send an email stating their name, where they received the flu shot, and an approximate date when they received this year's flu vaccine. Email this information to flu@stanfordmed.org

As you know:

The state of California mandates 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. Surgical masks will be placed at the entrances to all patient care areas at SHC and LPCH. Hospital staff and physicians who have been vaccinated will be identified by orange dots affixed to their ID badges.

The Medical Staff vaccine policy

The [SHC and LPCH Seasonal Influenza Plan](#) is intended to protect our own health, the health of our co-workers, and most importantly the health of our patients. Medical Staff **members who are not vaccinated or who fail to provide proof of exemption will be suspended and lose privileges beginning Monday, November 3**. Such suspensions will remain in force until the member is vaccinated or declares an exemption (see policy), or until the policy is deactivated at the end of flu season.