



Clinical Placement Flu Information

Under our University of Michigan Health System (UMHS) influenza vaccination policy, all faculty and students must receive their annual flu vaccine by **Dec. 1*** or receive an approved exemption. Those with an approved exemption will be required to wear a mask in patient care areas or where patients may be present for the entire flu season.

*Students who are members of the UMPNC should refer to their union contract for guidelines related to the flu vaccine requirement.

Compliance with the new policy includes:

- ✓ Receiving a vaccination by December 1st
- ✓ Receiving an approved exemption (for medical and/or religious reasons) and wearing an approved surgical mask
- ✓ Access to clinical areas will be restricted to those in compliance

Two exemptions will be allowed (medical and religious):

- ✓ Medical exemption will be allowed only for prior history of neurologic complication after influenza vaccine
 - ◆ Students/instructors should speak to their doctor about an egg-free vaccine or be referred to an allergist
- ✓ Religious exemption requests will be reviewed by the Medical Ethics Review Committee (MERC)

Please contact UMHS Clinical Placement at clinicalplacement@med.umich.edu as soon as possible in the event of either of these situations with a student or instructor.

Students and instructors will be required to wear a flu sticker on their MCard ID badge. Students and instructors should submit proof of vaccination to their school. Each school will have a supply of stickers to give to the students and instructors once proof of vaccination has been submitted. Students should not go to our Occupational Health Services Dept. with their proof or to obtain a sticker. The sticker indicates to Health System staff that they are in compliance with our flu vaccination policy. Flu vaccine compliance must also be recorded in ACEMAPP.

As a reminder, non-UMSN students must receive their vaccines externally. Although the units have the flu vaccine for their staff and there are a number of flu clinics held within our Health System, there are no provisions for external students.

Restrictions for students with influenza-like illness still apply

1. Students with fever and an upper respiratory infection (e.g. coughing, sneezing, runny nose, congestion, etc.) should not be on the unit until their fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medication.
2. A student, who is ill with an upper respiratory infection plus other influenza symptoms (muscle aches, chills, and headache) with or without fever, must stay home until fever free and until all influenza symptoms have resolved for at least 24 hours without the use of medication.
3. Students with just an upper respiratory infection (no fever or other influenza symptoms) may report to their unit, but must wear a mask during all patient contact.