

Influenza Immunization for Health Care Professionals



■ Influenza is a serious and highly contagious disease.

The influenza virus spreads easily from person to person and can lead to serious complications. Many are hospitalized and some even die from influenza every year.

■ Health care professionals can be a key cause of influenza outbreaks in health care settings.

Health care professionals encounter high-risk patients throughout the influenza season in medical practices, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities and other health care settings. If a health care professional has influenza, he/she can easily transmit the disease.

■ The best way to reduce influenza transmission in health care settings is through annual immunization.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) clearly states that one of the best ways to reduce influenza transmission in health care settings is through increased influenza immunization of health care professionals.

■ Influenza vaccination has minimal side effects.

The influenza vaccine will NOT give you influenza. Mild soreness of the arm and/or minor cold-like symptoms immediately following vaccination are the most common side effects.

■ Influenza immunization for health care professionals benefits everyone.

When health care professionals are vaccinated against influenza it protects patients, families and coworkers.

**PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU:
GET VACCINATED AGAINST INFLUENZA THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR**

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