

To: Medical Staff, Fellows and Residents  
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**Subject: Influenza Immunization and Reporting**

As of December 1, 2017, until March 31, 2018, under the [Influenza Prevention Policy](#), VCH staff, including all casuals and excluded staff; physicians, residents, students, volunteers and contractors are required to have had the flu shot or wear a mask while in patient care areas and facilities. Visitors also will be asked to adhere to this policy.

Last year, the majority of VCH staff and physicians were immunized – 78% while the remaining staff wore masks. Your participation protects our vulnerable patients from a potentially fatal flu infection.

**Getting a flu shot**

The vaccine is now available in most doctors' offices and at pharmacies. Please call ahead to check as some offices and rural areas may not have picked up their supply yet.

Starting in late October, peer immunizers (PIs) will be vaccinating staff on numerous units. Clinics for staff will be held at select VCH sites beginning in mid-October. You may also get immunized at doctor's office, walk-in clinics, or at pharmacies. Be sure to call ahead to check if they have vaccine in stock.

If you choose to get vaccinated, download the printable PDF for the [Staff Flu Clinics](#) at VCH sites and [map of public clinics across BC](#). Questions are welcome and can be sent to [fluprevention@vch.ca](mailto:fluprevention@vch.ca).

**Reporting your flu immunization**

UBC Postgraduate Residents will need to visit <https://www.influenzareporting.org/> to self-report their flu immunizations. This influenza self-reporting site is the single reporting tool regardless of your current work site in the Province.

**All Medical Staff, Physicians and Fellows (including VCH employed physicians)** can choose one of the following methods to report their immunization to VCH. The medical staff influenza self-reporting site is the single online reporting tool regardless of your current work site in the Province, i.e. VCH, FHA, IHA, NHA, PHC, PHSA or Island Health. **You will only need to report your shot once.**

A) Visit <https://medicalstaffhealth.vch.ca/> to self-report. The form takes less than one minute to complete and is the preferred method.

B) Call and leave a voicemail at 604-875-4111 ext.69597

Please include the following information in your voicemail:

- First and last name
- Professional College ID
- Community of Care
- Department and Division
- Whether you also work at another health organization (i.e. PHC, PHSA, FHA, etc.)
- Phone number
- Date you received your immunization
- Who immunized you?
  - Family Doctor
  - Peer Nurse Immunizer
  - Pharmacist
  - VCH Staff Flu Clinics
  - Public Health Staff