

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

It is that time of year to get your flu shot vaccine. We want to make sure that we keep you and your patients safe this flu season. During flu season, all staff, medical staff, volunteers, students, casuals and contractors are expected to be immunized and self-report their immunization.

The vaccine is the best way to protect against the flu, and flu shots for health-care staff are free.

Getting a Flu Shot

Staff flu clinics have started. Book your appointment at one.vch.ca/flu

- Medical staff can pre-book their immunization appointments at their preferred site location and date online.
- Appointments will be scheduled at intervals
- Drop-ins will be accommodated

The Peer Immunizer Program starts in mid-October and offers immunizations to VCH staff and medical staff at their worksite. Medical staff can also get immunized at community pharmacies, [public health clinics](#) or through their primary care provider. For a list of clinics in BC, visit [ImmunizeBC](#).

Please bring your BC services card to your appointment as data on flu vaccinations delivered through all VCH clinics will be recorded into the ImmsBC database. This ensures the province can accurately track vaccine usage. VCH will not have access to this data once entered into IMMsBC so self-reporting of vaccination status is still required. Staff who choose to opt out of having their personal health number entered into ImmsBC can still receive their flu vaccine.

Visit healthandsafety.healthcarebc.ca to self-report your immunization by December 1.

This influenza self-reporting site is the single reporting tool regardless of your current work site in the Province.

Please note that the new COVID-19 vaccines are not available at staff flu clinics. They are available at most pharmacies that offer flu vaccinations, and the two shots can be given at the same time.

Contact mPOSH (mPOSH.vch@ubc.ca) if you would like to discuss with an mPOSH physician, the safety and efficacy of the vaccine. They can also assist with questions related to return-to-work policies or any other concerns you have. Please note that mPOSH believes in your right to complete privacy and confidentiality and will not disclose any of your information without your consent.