

MANDATORY ANNUAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION POLICY FOR ALL NURSING STUDENTS

PURPOSE

Influenza (Flu) occurs in annual epidemics typically during the late fall through early spring causing an annual average of approximately 36,000 deaths and 226,000 hospitalizations in the United States. Since annual influenza vaccination is the most effective method for preventing influenza virus infection and its complications and transmission of influenza is a recognized risk to healthcare workers in healthcare facilities, The Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing has a policy of mandatory influenza vaccination for all of its students participating in a clinical setting.

POLICY

The annual influenza vaccination is mandatory for all students who are in clinical rotation.

PROCEDURE

All students in clinical rotation are required to receive an influenza vaccine and submit documentation each year between Oct 1-31. ALL VACCINES MUST BE ADMINISTERED DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER EACH YEAR.

Flu vaccines will be administered by EG Healthcare (see contact information below). Students are responsible to make an appointment during the month of October at EG Healthcare to be vaccinated.

Any student wishing to decline the vaccine, must also make an appointment at EG Healthcare to be counseled and fill out the declination form.

Completed forms must be submitted to the Health Office between Oct 1-31.

EXCEPTION

Students who receive vaccines from directly from their employers may submit their documents to the Student Health Office between Oct 1-31. The vaccinations must be administered and the documentation must be submitted annually during the month of October.

MEDICAL EXEMPTION

Those who would like to request a medical exemption must provide the Request for Medical Exemption/Influenza Vaccination to the Student Health Center. This form is to be completed by the student's treating physician. It must be submitted for evaluation to the Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing. The Student Health center will notify the student if the exemption has been approved. Medical staff may not complete/sign their own forms. Medical exemption requests are due by October 31st of each year. A new form must be submitted annually.

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

A student who wishes to request a religious exemption must provide the Request for Religious Exemption/Influenza Vaccination. Students must submit the form to the Student Health Center. The student will be notified if the exemption has been accepted. Students who request a religious exemption must provide the completed Student Request for Religious Exemption/Influenza Vaccination to Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing for review. Religious exemption requests are due by October 31st of each year. A new form must be submitted annually.

NON-COMPLIANCE

Consequences of non-compliance: Restriction from class and clinical work until compliant.

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT (no walk-ins)

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