

Students and Schools- Fall 2016

Valley Children's Hospital has a required seasonal influenza vaccination program for all employees, volunteers, students and other non-employees who facilitate our health care mission.

Required immunization among healthcare workers is recommended by leading professional organizations including the American Academy of Pediatricians, American Academy of Family Physicians, and Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology. The risk for severity of complications due to a seasonal flu infection is much higher for the children in our care than adults and healthy individuals. Among pediatric admissions to hospitals nationwide, 1 in 1,000 currently contract influenza while in the hospital. Our goal is to keep our patients safe from harm while they are in our care. Please note the following requirements and information:

- Valley Children's Hospital will provide all students with free influenza vaccination if they have not already had the vaccination prior to attendance at our facilities for the immediate flu season. Students must have both a student badge and a temporary hospital badge at the time they request the influenza vaccine.
- Effective immediately and based on the recommendation of CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), we will no longer offer or accept Flumist as an approved influenza vaccination.
- School instructors must provide qualified proof of immunization for themselves and any students who do not receive the immunization at Valley Children's Hospital.
- Verification occurs at the school level, and is reported to the Valley Children's Hospital Clinical Education Department; however, exemption requests must flow directly through the Valley Children's Hospital Employee Health Department.
- Immunizations received elsewhere, (other than Valley Children's Hospital,) must meet the documentation qualifications set forth in the Immunization policy HR-1019.
- In the event a department leadership has oversight of a student or intern in lieu of a school based on site instructor, the leader will be responsible for compliance.
- Instructors must track and ensure compliance for use of mask for any student who has requested and been granted an exemption utilizing the Request for Exemption Request. Forms are available at the reception desk at the Valley Children's Hospital Employee Health department located on the ground level.
- Any student or instructor who has not complied with the deadlines and requirement set forth in the Immunization Policy HR-1019 will not be allowed to participate in the educational programs or rotations at Valley Children's Hospital.
- Any student under the age of 18 should seek the influenza immunization with parental consent from his/her school or personal physician prior to starting rotation.

Attachments: Immunization Policy HR 1019