

Immunization Branch

# Health Care Workers Need Flu Vaccinations, Too!

If you work in a clinical setting - seeing patients, managing the front desk or performing other vital duties - you have a stake in keeping yourself, your patients, and co-workers healthy. Getting a flu vaccination is an easy way help prevent catching the flu from others—Or even worse, spreading the flu to your patients at risk of hospitalization or death.

# Set an Example: Get vaccinated against flu!

Everyone over 6 months of age is recommended to get a flu vaccination. Do it for yourself, your family, your patients, and your practice. Getting vaccinated also sends an important message to patients: *I got my flu vaccine—you should, too!* 

Many California counties require health care workers to be immunized. Check with your employer or local health department whether you are required to wear a mask if not vaccinated against flu.

# Consider distributing these materials

- If You Work in a Healthcare Setting, Get Your Flu Vaccine
- <u>The Flu Ends with U</u> flyer for health care providers | <u>Spanish</u> (CDC)
- Flu vaccine buttons and stickers (order from Immunization Action Coalition)



# Share a personal flu story with staff

#### **Cecilia's Story**

Cecilia and her husband were healthy, so they didn't think flu shots applied to them. Michael's flu was miserable but brief. Cecilia's flu landed her in a coma where she lost her battle. Michael's deepest regret is not taking flu seriously.

# Visit the CDC's webpages for additional information

- Influenza Vaccination Information for Health Care Workers
- Seasonal Influenza (flu) Information for Health Professionals