



Everyone in Healthcare Needs Protection against Flu

Medical assistants and office staff play a vital role in keeping patients healthy but are [less likely to get the flu vaccine](#). With the onset of flu season and COVID-19 still circulating, the health of our support staff is more important than ever.

Providers, staff, and patients depend on each other to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death due to flu and COVID-19. 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 coworkers and patients: I got my flu vaccine—you should, too!

Many California counties require healthcare workers to be immunized. Check with your employer or [local health department](#) regarding local requirements.

Promote Flu Vaccination for All Staff

Implement [these proven workplace strategies](#) to help ensure staff and patients are protected against the flu.

- Offer free flu vaccines on site. It is safe and convenient to get flu and COVID-19 vaccines/boosters on the same day.
- Require staff to get a flu vaccine.
- Designate a lead to coordinate flu promotion activities (raffle prizes, print and distribute “[I got my flu shot](#)” stickers, etc.).

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VACCINATING HEALTHCARE WORKERS	3 OF 4 HEALTHCARE WORKERS GET FLU VACCINES	WORKPLACE STRATEGIES CAN HELP!
REDUCES FLU AMONG WORKERS	HIGHEST WHEN EMPLOYER REQUIRED VACCINE OR GAVE ONSITE 	PROMOTE ON-SITE VACCINATION
REDUCES WORK ABSENCES		OFFER LOW OR NO COST VACCINES
PROTECTS PATIENTS		REMEMBER NON-CLINICAL STAFF
	LOWEST FOR LONG-TERM CARE WORKERS	

Additional Resources

- [If You Work in a Healthcare Setting, Get Your Flu Vaccine](#) | [Spanish](#)
- [Flu—It's Not Too Late to Vaccinate!](#) (English/Spanish)
- [Don't Wait — Vaccinate!](#) flu campaign toolkit (English/Spanish)
- [I got my flu shot. Did You? stickers for badges](#) | [Black & White](#)
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