

	H&S Code IC Definitions		
<p>1288.7</p>	<p>1288.7. By July 1, 2007, the department shall require that each general acute care hospital, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control guidelines, take all of the following actions:</p> <p>(a) Annually offer onsite influenza vaccinations, if available, to all hospital employees at no cost to the employee. Each general acute care hospital shall require its employees to be vaccinated, or if the employee elects not to be vaccinated, to declare in writing that he or she has declined the vaccination.</p> <p>(b) Institute respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette protocols, develop and implement procedures for the isolation of patients with influenza, and adopt a seasonal influenza plan.</p> <p>(c) Revise an existing or develop a new disaster plan that includes a pandemic influenza component. The plan shall also document any actual or recommended collaboration with local, regional, and state public health agencies or officials in the event of an influenza pandemic.</p>	<p>(a)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify evidence of a written influenza vaccination program for hospital employees that includes: free vaccinations, vaccination options to optimize access, and documented declinations. 2. Vaccination rates submitted to the state should correspond with records onsite. <p>(b)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify evidence of a respiratory hygiene program through the presence of a policy and compliance with that policy. 2. Verify the presence of an isolation policy and compliance with that policy in relation to patients with influenza. The policy should be in accordance with current CDC guidelines. 3. Verify the presence of a seasonal influenza plan that addresses: respiratory hygiene, isolation, and vaccinations. <p>(c)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify the presence of a pandemic influenza plan which includes: integration with the organizations disaster plan and collaboration with local , regional and state agencies. 	