

Influenza Vaccination Resources

For residents, flu and pneumococcal vaccines are mandatory.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires nursing homes to vaccinate residents against influenza and pneumococcal disease.

- [CMS Press Release: CMS Will Require Nursing Homes to Vaccinate Residents Against the Flu](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-will-require-nursing-homes-vaccinate-residents-against-flu) (cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-will-require-nursing-homes-vaccinate-residents-against-flu)
- [CDC Adult Immunization Schedule US 2020](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-combined-schedule.pdf) (PDF) (cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-combined-schedule.pdf)

Link your electronic health record (EHR) to the California Immunization Registry (CAIR).

CAIR is a secure, confidential, statewide immunization database. CAIR allows providers to search, record, and share immunization histories on any California resident. Sign-up here: [4 Steps to Data Exchange](https://www.cairweb.org/four-steps/) (cairweb.org/four-steps/)

For staff, health care facilities are required to make flu vaccines available to employees.

Cal/OSHA's Aerosol Transmissible Disease (ATD) standard requires that employers make flu vaccine available during flu season for employees with occupational health risk at no cost and at a convenient time and place.

- [Cal/OSHA's ATD Standard and Influenza Vaccination during the COVID-19 Pandemic flyer](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Guidance-on-Influenza-Immunization.pdf) (PDF) (dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Guidance-on-Influenza-Immunization.pdf)
- [Cal/OSHA Workplace Guide to Aerosol Transmissible Diseases](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/dosh_publications/ATD-Guide.pdf) (PDF) (dir.ca.gov/dosh/dosh_publications/ATD-Guide.pdf)
- [CA Code of Regulations, Section 8, Title 5199, Aerosol Transmissible Diseases](https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5199.html) (dir.ca.gov/title8/5199.html)

For patients and families

- Make a [strong flu vaccine recommendation](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/healthcare/flu-vaccine-rec-65_2020.pdf) (PDF) (cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/healthcare/flu-vaccine-rec-65_2020.pdf). As a health care professional, your strong recommendation is a critical factor in whether your patients get a flu vaccine.
- Address resident concerns, "Flu shots have a good safety record. Flu vaccination has been shown to reduce the risk of flu illness, hospitalization and even death in older people."
 - [CDC 2020-21 Influenza Vaccination Talking Points](https://www.eziz.org/assets/other/DontWait-FluTalkingPoints.pdf) (PDF) (eziz.org/assets/other/DontWait-FluTalkingPoints.pdf)
 - [CDC Seniors Vaccination Fact Sheet](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/seniors/seniors-vaccination-factsheet-final.pdf) (PDF) (cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/seniors/seniors-vaccination-factsheet-final.pdf)
- Share [real-life stories about flu](https://shotbyshot.org/story-gallery/#Influenza) (shotbyshot.org/story-gallery/#Influenza)

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For health care workers

- Make it easy for workers to get flu vaccine. Vaccinate on-site over multiple shifts.
- Document flu vaccinations and declinations. [Example flu declination form](#) (PDF) (immunize.org/catg.d/p4068.pdf)
- Create a culture that promotes flu vaccination:
 - Provide [flu vaccination information](#) (cdc.gov/flu/professionals/healthcareworkers.htm)
 - Promote the [Don't Wait Vaccinate Flu Campaign](#) (immunizeca.org/flu-season/)
 - Provide [stickers for employee badges](#) (eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-1285COLOR.pdf)
 - [Post resources at your facility](#) (eziz.org/resources/flu-promo-materials). [If You Work in a Healthcare Setting English Flyer](#) (PDF) (eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-801.pdf (English)); [If You Work in a Healthcare Setting English Spanish Flyer](#) (PDF) (eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-801S.pdf); [I Won't Spread Flu CDC flyer](#) (PDF) (cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/healthcare/wont-spread-flu-11x8.5-custom.pdf)

Stay informed of the latest influenza guidelines

- [CDC Frequently Asked Questions on Flu](#) (cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2020-2021.htm)
- [CDPH Healthcare-Associated Infections Program SNF Flu Recommendations](#) (cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/SNF_DetectAndControlOutbreaks.aspx)
- [CDC Prevention Strategies for Seasonal Influenza in Healthcare Settings](#) (cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/healthcaresettings.htm)
- [CDC Guidance on Immunizations During a Pandemic](#) (cdc.gov/vaccines/pandemic-guidance/index.html)