



Seasonal Flu Vaccine

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TO: ALL ACC HEALTH SCIENCES **STUDENTS/FACULTY** IN CLINICAL/PRACTICUM ASSIGNMENTS

RE: SEASONAL FLU SHOTS

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To protect patients and provide a safe environment for students, staff, and the public, all students/faculty participating in clinical/practicum experiences/courses in any facility during the fall 2009 or spring 2010 semester will be required to provide documentation of the seasonal flu vaccine. The vaccination must be completed by October 1; failure to have the immunization by that date will have implications for clinical attendance. If the student has a current exemption for immunizations on file, they must meet with Lisa Enloe to determine if the exemption is applicable to the flu vaccine; Ms. Enloe can be reached at lenloe@austincc.edu.

Students/faculty will be required to present formal proof of immunization; attached, you will find the Flu Vaccine Record form that must be completed by the person/facility administering the vaccine. Please note that even if the flu vaccine is received in a "public" clinic, the information on the form must be completed in order to meet the clinical agency requirements. Students/faculty are responsible for keeping their personal vaccine record until further instructions are provided. Students **are not** to give the record to their clinical instructor at this time. If you receive a receipt when you get the flu vaccine, please attach a copy to the Flu Vaccine Record.

A link has been established on the Health Sciences webpage that identifies locations that provide the flu vaccine (www.austincc.edu/health and click on the word **FLU** in the announcement). This link will be updated as more information becomes available. Students may use their private physician. **Please be sure you are requesting the seasonal flu vaccine, not a H1N1 vaccine!!!**

Please direct any questions to Lisa Enloe at lenloe@austincc.edu or Pat Recek at patr@austincc.edu