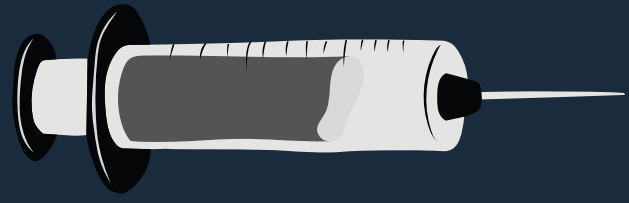


Flu Vaccine is Vital During COVID-19 Pandemic



FACTS

2020-2021 Influenza season will coincide with the Covid-19 Pandemic

Influenza is vaccine preventable

Influenza vaccine is recommended for everyone without contraindication, aged 6 months and up

Influenza vaccine is available at low or no cost

High influenza vaccine coverage is important for the 2020-21 season to protect the community & to prevent additional burden on the already stressed healthcare system due to Covid-19.

HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PATIENTS TO GET A FLU VACCINE

Use EHR Prompts

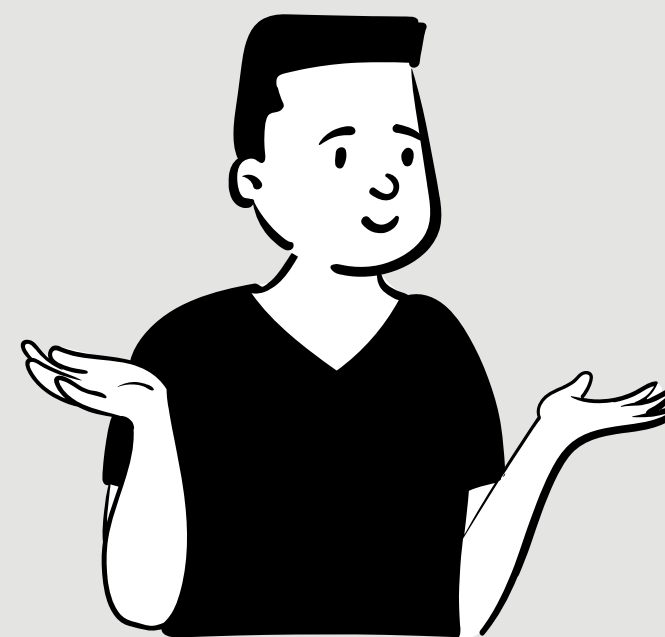
Make a strong, presumptive recommendation and encourage staff to do the same

Use every opportunity to offer vaccine

Use a visual prompt to remind patients to ask for the flu shot

Suggest alternative vaccination sites

Plan a flu clinic



DEALING WITH VACCINE HESITANCY

Patient concerns can make them reluctant to get a flu vaccine. Remember to **SHARE** these reasons to vaccinate!

SHARE the reasons why the flu vaccine is right for them

HIGHLIGHT positive experience with flu vaccine

ADDRESS patient questions & concerns in plain language

REMIND patients that vaccines protect not just themselves but their loved ones too

EXPLAIN the potential costs & complications of getting the flu

CDC Misconceptions about Seasonal Flu and Flu Vaccines - <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/misconceptions.htm>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS

CDC Information for Health Professionals -

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/index.htm>

CDC Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines, 2020-21 -

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/acip/index.htm>

Influenza Vaccine Products for the 2020–2021 Influenza Season -

<https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4072.pdf>

Vaccine Finder -

<https://vaccinefinder.org/find-vaccine>

NH DPHS Immunization Program -

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/immunization>

