

County of Santa Clara

Public Health Department



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TO: Healthcare Providers

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SUBJECT: Influenza Order for Healthcare Facilities

This memorandum serves as a reminder that the Health Officer Order issued on September 4, 2020 (<https://covid19.sccgov.org/order-health-officer-09-04-2020-influenza-vaccination>) regarding annual influenza vaccinations in Healthcare Facilities remains in effect until rescinded. The Order, which was an update to the longstanding local influenza order, mandates that all Healthcare Facilities in Santa Clara County require Healthcare Workers to receive an annual influenza vaccination or, if they decline, to provide a signed declination by October 31. This year, Healthcare Facilities must provide an influenza vaccination report to the Public Health Department by **November 24, 2021**.

We additionally highlight the following, which remain unchanged from the original order:

1. Healthcare Facility refers to all licensed acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, long-term care facilities, and outpatient clinics.
2. Healthcare Worker means all persons, paid or unpaid, full-time or part-time, employees, volunteers, contractors, or otherwise, who have direct patient contact or who work in patient care areas in a Healthcare Facility.
3. The report submitted to the Health Officer should include the number of Healthcare Workers who received influenza vaccination, the number of Healthcare Workers who submitted a signed declination, the total number of Healthcare Workers at the Healthcare Facility, the percentage of Healthcare Workers who have received influenza vaccination, and the percentage of Healthcare Workers who submitted a signed declination. For healthcare systems with multiple facilities, data may be submitted in aggregate but must be available by facility upon request of the Public Health Department.

As a reminder, all reports must be submitted to sccphp@phd.sccgov.org by 5:00 pm on November 24, 2021.

Thank you for your work to ensure the safety of your healthcare workers and patients. Please send any questions you may have to sccphp@phd.sccgov.org.