Health System News

Influenza Vaccination in the Age of COVID-19

November 30, 2020, Monday

It is not too late to get your flu shot. This year, influenza vaccination is especially important, as COVID-19 illness along with influenza is being increasingly reported in New York City. Co-infection with both diseases could have serious complications, including death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that all individuals more than 6 months of age receive the influenza vaccination as soon as possible.

Flu vaccine is offered at no expense to Mount Sinai Health System personnel and is available through Employee Health Services (EHS). Please review this <u>intranet</u> <u>link</u> for the remaining influenza vaccination points of distribution (PODs) for this season, or see below for a list of locations and dates where the vaccine is offered in the Health System. To get you in and out quickly while maintaining social distancing at the POD, we strongly recommend you make an appointment using our <u>online scheduling tool</u>.

Faculty and staff who received flu vaccination from a provider outside EHS must submit written documentation, which includes vaccination location (e.g. medical office, drug store, or other site, including the address), name of the person who administered the vaccine, and the date of vaccination. Please fax or scan documentation to your primary hospital EHS (contact information <u>in this link</u>). Faculty and staff who received the flu vaccine receive a sticker marked "21-FLU" for their ID badge.

Health System personnel who have not received the influenza vaccination by Tuesday, December 15, must sign a declination form and submit it to EHS.

Help protect your colleagues and patients by receiving the vaccine and refraining from working if you feel ill. Additionally, please practice everyday preventive actions like diligent hand hygiene to reduce the spread of germs, and use masks and eye protection appropriately and in all clinical encounters. By doing so, you are contributing to the well-being of our patients and staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

Below is a schedule of dates and times that influenza vaccinations are offered in the coming weeks:

Mount Sinai Brooklyn: Hospital Lobby

Tuesday, December 1

Wednesday, December 2 8 am – 10 am

Wednesday, December 16 2 pm – 4 pm

Monday, December 21 7 am – 9 am

Wednesday, December 23 2 pm – 4 pm

Tuesday, December 29 2 pm – 4 pm

Mount Sinai Beth Israel: 2 Dazian Rotunda

Wednesday, December 2 Wednesday, December 9 Wednesday, December 16 11 am – 1 pm

Mount Sinai Beth Israel: Linsky Lobby

Monday, November 30 Monday, December 7 Monday, December 14 Monday, December 21 Monday, December 28 11 am – 1 pm

The Mount Sinai Hospital: Guggenheim Pavilion Lobby

Wednesday, December 2 Thursday, December 3 Friday, December 4 Monday, December 7 Wednesday, December 9 Friday, December 11 Monday, December 14 7 am – 5 pm

Corporate Services Center: 150 East 42 Street, 4th floor By appointment only

Mount Sinai Morningside: 1111 Amsterdam Avenue, Babcock Lobby By appointment only Tuesday, December 1 Wednesday, December 2 2 pm – 5 pm and 6 pm – 10 pm

Thursday, December 3 12 pm – 2 pm

Friday, December 4 6:30 am – 9:30 am and 12 pm – 2 pm

Monday, December 7 4 pm – 8 pm

Mount Sinai West: 1000 Tenth Avenue, Main Lobby By Appointment

Tuesday, December 1 Wednesday, December 2 2 pm – 5 pm and 6 pm – 10 pm

Thursday, December 3 12 pm – 4 pm

Friday, December 4 6:30 am – 9:30 am and 12 pm – 2 pm

Sunday, December 6 Saturday, December 12 2 pm – 5 pm and 6 pm – 10 pm

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