



INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAM

SHPD PROGRAM/SERVICE

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Historical Background: To promote staff wellness, School Health Programs Department offers immunization against influenza through an on-site vaccination program established in 1994.

Influenza (commonly called “the flu”) is a highly contagious viral infection of the respiratory tract that ranks as one of the most severe illnesses of the winter season. Influenza is spread easily from person to person primarily when an infected person coughs or sneezes. An estimated 10% to 20% of the population contracts influenza each year, resulting in lost work days.

What is the goal of the Influenza Vaccination Program?

The goal of the program is to increase staff wellness and decrease staff absence due to influenza.

What is the Vaccination Program?

School District Nurses offer vaccine injections to all SFUSD staff at various school sites as well as at two centralized locations, dependent upon vaccine availability.

Vaccination Information Statements are available in numerous languages, thereby meeting the needs of our diverse employees. During the fall of 1999, 573 SFUSD employees were vaccinated against influenza through this program sponsored by the School Health Programs Department.

Activities within SFUSD and SHPD that support the Influenza Vaccination Program:

- School District Nurses
- Nurse of the Day (242-2615)
- Medical Consultants
- Health Advocates
- Healthy School Teams (HST)
- Health Promotion Committee (HPC)
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