

PROVIDER UPDATE



El Dorado County
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
Public Health Division
931 Spring Street, Placerville, CA 95667

Please copy and distribute to
ALL health care providers at
your location.

September 20, 2017

To: Hospitals, Ambulatory and Community Clinics, Medical Practices, Public Health and Mental Health Divisions, First Responders, Long Term Care Facilities, Jails

Subject: Vaccination-or-Masking Mandate for the 2017-2018 Flu Season

As always, thank you for doing your part to prevent the spread of influenza. We have known for many years that vaccinating healthcare workers against influenza helps reduce influenza transmission^{1,2}. Therefore, as in previous years, per California Health and Safety Code § 120175, I am reissuing the following annual order to help reduce the incidence of influenza among healthcare workers, patients, and visitors to healthcare facilities. Please consider that vaccination is more effective than use of respiratory masks, although the latter is better than no protection, and that while influenza might be a mild illness to a healthy healthcare worker, it can be serious or fatal for some patients. Vaccination protects not only the vaccinated person. It also protects that person's patients, family, friends, and other contacts.

Please note! County health officers representing all California counties made a joint decision to standardize start and end dates for this mandate across the state. We opted for a conservative (more protective) approach of starting on November 1 and ending on April 30 (which many counties already used) as a nonmandatory recommendation. I am not changing our county's dates for '17-'18 but may consider doing so next year.

Order: As Public Health Officer of El Dorado County, I require that every licensed healthcare facility in El Dorado County implement a program requiring all of its healthcare workers to receive annual influenza vaccinations or, if they decline, to wear a mask for the duration of the influenza season while having direct patient contact or working in patient care areas.

Duration of Order: This order shall begin on December 1 each year. It will remain in effect until influenza activity is clearly on the decline, as determined by El Dorado County Public Health staff who will assess influenza data throughout the season, until resuming the following influenza season. I will notify all healthcare facilities of the scheduled end date for this order as soon as is determined each influenza season.

Facilities Subject to the Order: The vaccination and masking order applies to all licensed healthcare facilities in El Dorado County. For more information and definitions of licensed healthcare facilities, see California Health & Safety Code §§ 1200-1209 and §§ 1250-1264.

Definition of "Healthcare Worker": For the purposes of this order, "healthcare worker" is defined as a person, paid or unpaid, working in a healthcare setting who has direct patient contact or works in any patient-care area.

I appreciate your cooperation, assistance and support in your continued protection of El Dorado County residents. Feel free to contact El Dorado County Public Health at (530) 621-6320 if you have questions.

Handwritten signature of Nancy J. Williams in blue ink.

Nancy J. Williams, MD, MPH
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¹ Talbot TR, Bradley SE, Cosgrove SE, Ruef C, Siegel JD, Weber DJ. Influenza vaccination of healthcare workers and vaccine allocation for healthcare workers during vaccine shortages. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol.* 2005;26(11):882-890.

² Wilde JA, McMillan JA, Serwint J, Butta J, O'Riordan MA, Steinhoff MC. Effectiveness of influenza vaccine in health care professionals: a randomized trial. *JAMA.* 1999;281(10):908-913





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Communicable Disease Unit

Date: September 20, 2017

To: All Providers, Primary Care Providers, ER Physicians and Urgent Care Clinics

Re: El Dorado County Flu Clinics

The El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Nursing, will begin conducting low-cost community flu shot clinics on September 27, 2017, with additional clinics offered through November.

West Slope Community Flu Clinic Dates and Locations for 2017:

- **October 3** from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, in the Organ Room, Placerville.
- **October 4** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Pioneer Park, 6740 Fairplay, Somerset.
- **October 10** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Cameron Park Fire Station 89, 3200 Country Club Drive, in the Conference Room Cameron Park.
- **October 19** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the El Dorado Hills Fire Station 85, 1050 Wilson Boulevard, in the Conference Room, El Dorado Hills.
- **October 25** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Grizzly Flats Community Church, 5061 Sciaroni Road, Grizzly Flats.
- **November 2** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Diamond Springs Fire Station 49, 501 Main Street, in the Conference Room, Diamond Springs.
- **November 4** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Divide Wellness Center, 6065 Highway 193, Georgetown.
- **November 7** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pollock Pines Community Church, 6361 Pony Express Trail, in the Evergreen Room, Pollock Pines.
- **November 30** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Garden Valley Fire Station 51, 4860 Marshall Road, Garden Valley.



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South Lake Tahoe Community Flu Clinic Dates and Locations for 2017:

- **September 27, October 5 & October 19** from to 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 3050 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe.
- **October 12** from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Bijou School, 3501 Spruce Avenue, in the Teacher's Lounge, South Lake Tahoe.
- **October 25** from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Bijou School, 3501 Spruce Avenue, in the Teacher's Lounge, South Lake Tahoe.
- **November 2** from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the South Lake Tahoe Airport, 1901 Airport Road, South Lake Tahoe.

For an electronic copy of the flu clinic times and dates flyers in English and Spanish, please contact Kathryn Jeanfreau at kathryn.jeanfreau@edcgov.us or call 621-6149.

For questions about low-cost flu clinics offered in El Dorado County, contact El Dorado County Public Health:

- (530) 621-6100 in the Placerville Area or
- (530) 573-3155 in the South Lake Tahoe Area
- Flu Hotline (Recorded Information about Annual Flu Vaccine Clinics) - (530) 621-6188