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Dear Colleague:

Cleveland Clinic recently developed a Student Flu Immunization policy, which affects all students who wish to complete educational or clinical rotations at Cleveland Clinic Health System hospitals, including the main campus and family health and surgical centers and rehabilitation facilities.

The policy, which is effective immediately, is designed to protect patients, employees, employees' family members, students and the community from influenza infection by ensuring that all students are immunized.

Please note the following key elements of the policy:

1. Students who are starting a rotation (for six days or longer) in fall 2014 must comply with the new policy by getting a flu vaccination at their own or their school's expense.
2. Current students whose rotations may overlap with flu season, which generally begins Nov. 1, must comply with the new policy by getting a flu vaccination at their own or their school's expense.
3. We recognize that some students may have religious or medical conflicts with getting vaccinated. In those cases, the academic institution must make arrangements with the Cleveland Clinic Health System to accommodate these students outside the flu season, between April 1 and Oct. 31.

The entire Student Flu Immunization policy will be available on our Health Sciences Education website, and we will provide you with the URL for your reference once the policy has been posted. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Michelle Zielinski at [zielinm@ccf.org](mailto:zielinm@ccf.org) or at 216.444.4018.

Please distribute this information to your nursing and health science administration and faculty, as well as non-clinical education areas that use Cleveland Clinic educational resources. Again, this policy is in keeping with our own internal high degree of vigilance in protecting our patients and all who enter a Cleveland Clinic Health System hospital.

Thank you for helping to keep Cleveland Clinic a safe place to work and visit.

Sincerely,



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