

FLU VACCINE

Helpful Hints

- **Get Your Entire Team on Board**
 - Figure out what strategies will work for your facility
 - Designate a vaccination champion (this can be any staff member in the facility that patients trust and have a good relationship with)
- **Vaccine Talking Tips**
 - Train all staff to effectively educate and communicate about the vaccine.
 - Encourage each of your staff to continually educate on the vaccine at every visit.
 - When talking about the vaccine, assume that the patients will get vaccinated.
 - Review vaccine talking tips
- **Encourage Your Entire Team to Get Vaccinated**
 - Vaccinate staff on the floor in front of the patients
 - Use incentives like stickers, games or contests to get patients vaccinated
- **Set a Facility Vaccination Goal and Track Your Facility Progress Toward Goal**
 - CMS has goals set for facilities. Post the goal in your facility and track your progress on a bulletin board for the patients to see.
 - Review your progress toward goal with your entire IDT in your monthly QAPI meetings
 - You can find your progress toward goal using the Network's dashboard
- **Order Enough Vaccine for ALL Patients to get vaccinated**
 - For flu vaccinations, order enough to continue vaccinating throughout the flu season
 - Use vaccine fact sheets, stickers, reminder cards and posters to help educate and remind patients about the vaccination
 - Use your EMR to track vaccinations and who still needs a vaccine or a booster
 - Review the list daily, re-approach refusals as appropriate
- **Consider co-administration of vaccines (i.e. Flu and COVID) during the same appointment.**
 - If 2 doses are needed, schedule the 2nd dose prior to the patient leaving.
- **Documentation**
 - Non-batching organization
 - Staff Vaccinations are recorded in NHSN
 - Patient Vaccinations are recorded in EQRS
 - Batch Organizations
 - Record in the appropriate EMR location as directed by your organizations