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MEMORANDUM

To: MCAEMS System Initial Education Students
From: Michael Crabtree
Education Coordinator
Re: Influenza Vaccination Requirement
Date: 1/31/2012

Effective immediately, anyone performing clinical times at either Advocate Bromenn Medical Center or OSF St. Joseph Medical center must have an influenza vaccination on file or appropriate exemption approval. All exemption approvals are at the discretion of the respective medical center.

Advocate Bromenn's policy states:

"Seasonal influenza vaccination is mandatory for associates of Advocate Health Care, working at clinical sites. This includes all associates working at that clinical site or campus."

This policy also applies to "students" in the clinical site. A student is defined by the policy as an individual whom "spends time at any Advocate facility through a clinical affiliation agreement with a sponsoring school, whether for a clinical rotation, observation, internship or otherwise."

OSF St. Joseph's policy states:

"All persons shall receive the influenza vaccine unless granted an exemption. Any person who has not received the influenza vaccine by the appropriate start date will be required to wear a mask when working within 6 feet of a patient, family member, visitor, or fellow employee"

Influenza vaccinations are readily available at physician offices and local pharmacies. Typical prices for this service are \$20-40. Requests for exemption must be completed through the hospital. Contact me for further information if you will be requesting exemptions. There is no guarantee exemptions will be granted.

Students will have until February 7th to have proof of vaccination on file or have exemptions approved by the hospital. All future students will be required to have annual influenza vaccines and/or file for exemptions as the flu season approaches or as clinical sites deem it necessary.

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