



# 2020 INFLUENZA (FLU) VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

Obtaining an influenza (flu) vaccination is strongly recommended as a placement requirement for students in health-related degrees or subjects. At this time, in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic, more placement agencies are requesting students obtain their vaccination, and therefore reduce risk of infection.

By getting vaccinated against influenza, you help protect other people, especially people who are too sick or too young to be vaccinated. The more people who are vaccinated, the less likely the disease will spread.

Western is adhering to our placement partner requirements where a flu vaccination is required for the most effective prevention of influenza infection. Students should be aware that without a vaccination, their placement may be cancelled.

## HOW DO I FIND OUT IF I NEED TO GET A FLU VACCINATION?

Your School will provide written information about this. Look for this information in the following places:

1. Log into your School's vUWS pages
2. Review recent emails from School placement staff and your lecturers
3. Check the subject requirements in your subject outlines
4. Visit the website for your School
5. Listen for announcements in class

## I'M SOCIAL DISTANCING AND CAN'T LEAVE MY HOUSE TO GET A FLU VACCINATION

Under the new [NSW legislation](#) enacted on 31 March 2020, you can leave your house for medical appointments.

## I NEED TO GET A FLU VACCINATION – HOW DO I DO THIS?

You need to have your flu vaccination done by an appropriate vaccine provider, which include GPs/local doctors and some local pharmacies/chemists.

Ask and confirm you are receiving the 2020 influenza vaccine. Ensure that you get the correct evidence of your vaccination.

## WHAT IS THE CORRECT EVIDENCE OF BEING VACCINATED?

- Your Vaccination Record Card with 2020 vaccination details correctly recorded, including name & batch number of the vaccine administered, date of administration, signature of the administrator, practice stamp of the administrator

## OR

- A document - such as GP Immunisation List or MyGov Immunisation History Statement or pharmacy vaccination slip or NSW Health staff clinic slip - which includes student name, DOB, name & batch number of the vaccine administered, date of administration, signature of the vaccine provider, practice stamp or on official stationery of the vaccine provider

## I'VE HAD MY FLU VACCINATION – WHAT DO I DO WITH THE EVIDENCE?

You should take your evidence with you on your first day to show your placement supervisor or on-site contact for your experience.

## I'M ATTENDING A PLACEMENT IN A NSW HEALTH FACILITY - WHAT DO I DO WITH MY EVIDENCE?

Scan your Student ID card PLUS correct evidence of vaccination in colour and collate to a single .pdf.

Email your .pdf to the Student Compliance Team via [studentcompliance@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:studentcompliance@westernsydney.edu.au).

Please assist us by using the following email subject line:  
2020 Flu Vax\_ [surname]\_[studentID#]\_[degree]\_[campus]

eg.: **2020 Flu Vax\_SMITH\_19933555\_NURS\_Campbelltown**

Before you send your email, check that:

- a) Your evidence is scanned in colour and contains both Student ID and evidence of vaccine administration - a script or receipt of vaccine purchase is not evidence of being vaccinated
- b) Your single .pdf is attached to the email - photos of documents embedded in the email cannot be accepted
- c) Flu vaccine .pdf ONLY is attached to the email - don't include other documents such as compliance, first aid
- d) You have added your personal details to the above naming convention in your email subject line
- e) You are sending it from your Western student email account

**Email once only and wait** for the outcome via return email, which may take up to 20 business days.

## WHEN DO I NEED TO GET THIS DONE BY?

You may have already obtained your vaccination. If not, start now.

The latest recommended time to obtain your vaccination to meet NSW Health placement requirements during the 2020 influenza season is by Sunday 10 May (Mothers' Day).

Email :  
[studentcompliance@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:studentcompliance@westernsydney.edu.au)  
for more information

