



## Policy

<b>Title</b>	<b>RUSH University Influenza Vaccination Compliance</b>			
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Applies To	All currently enrolled students			
Purpose	<p><b><u>Purpose/Introduction/Background:</u></b></p> <p>RUSH University's Influenza Vaccination Compliance Policy is for all currently enrolled students. The University's vaccination requirement is undergirded by our I CARE values – innovation, collaboration, accountability, respect, and excellence.</p>			
Executive Summary				
Definitions				
Equipment				
Information				
Policy	<p><b><u>Policy Statement:</u></b></p> <p><b>In following the <a href="#">RUSH Personnel Influenza Immunization Plan, OP-0358</a>, all RUSH University students are to be immunized against influenza annually as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/ Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (CDC/ACIP) and approved by RUSH Infection Prevention and Control unless an exemption has been granted.</b></p> <p><b>Online-only students with no on-campus presence are generally exempt from this policy. However, students in online-</b></p>			

only programs or any student who is approved for an exemption must follow the vaccination policy of any host site (including clinical or experiential rotations), which may require vaccination and proof thereof. Further, all students, including online learners, who anticipate a need to come to campus at any point must abide by the Influenza vaccination requirement set forth in this policy. To keep the campus community safe and healthy, the University will continue to adhere to the public health guidelines that may include additional measures deemed appropriate. Students should regularly check their RUSH emails and University policies for any updates or follow-up communications.

RUSH University students who have been vaccinated are not required to wear the designated influenza vaccination identifier on their student ID badge during the defined influenza season. RUSH University students who are also RUSH Employees, need to follow the policy and procedures outlined by RUSH to maintain compliance of their employee status. The designed influenza vaccination identifier requirement is subject to change for RUSH University students if there is a surge of cases and/or becomes a requirement mandated by RUSH.

Outcome

Guidelines

Responsibility and Procedure

**Procedures:**

**1. Influenza**

**a. Deadline:** Influenza season typically occurs between October 1 and March 31. The deadline for receiving the vaccine will be determined on an annual basis by RUSH Infection Prevention and Control and will be communicated to students.

**b. Proof of vaccination:** Proof of vaccination should be submitted to the college-specific immunization process as specified below. Students are required to submit proof of vaccination only by using their RUSH University email account. General questions are to be submitted to [Student\\_Health@rush.edu](mailto:Student_Health@rush.edu).

- **College of Nursing:** Students are expected to upload Influenza vaccination records into Exxat.
- **College of Health Sciences:** Students are expected to upload Influenza vaccination records into CastleBranch. Students at Large (SALs) are expected to send influenza vaccination records from outside of RUSH directly to [Student\\_Health@rush.edu](mailto:Student_Health@rush.edu).

- **Rush Medical College:**
  - ***Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program:*** Students are expected to submit influenza vaccination records from outside of RUSH directly to [Mary.Nicholas@rush.edu](mailto:Mary.Nicholas@rush.edu). Student vaccination records will be kept through Lifetime Medical Associates and entered directly into EPIC. Student questions are to be submitted to Lifetime Medical Associates 312.942.8000 or email [Mary.Nicholas@rush.edu](mailto:Mary.Nicholas@rush.edu).
  - ***Division of Translational Science:*** Students are expected to send influenza vaccination records from outside of RUSH directly to [Student\\_Health@rush.edu](mailto:Student_Health@rush.edu).

#### Exemption Process:

Request for an exemption from the influenza vaccine must be submitted annually.

a. **Medical Exemption:** Exemption from the Influenza vaccination requirement for medical contraindications may be requested by providing signed and dated documentation from the student's healthcare provider indicating exemption from the influenza vaccine, the medical contraindication(s), and duration of the exemption. It is the student's responsibility to submit this request.

b. **Religious Exemption:** Exemption from the Influenza vaccination based on a sincerely held religious belief may be requested by completing a written and signed application by the student detailing the student's objection to immunization. The objection must set forth the specific religious beliefs that conflict with immunization. The religious objection may be personal and need not be directed by the tenets of an established religious organization. It is the student's responsibility to submit this request.

c. For additional information about submitting a medical or religious exemption, contact [Student\\_Health@rush.edu](mailto:Student_Health@rush.edu).

#### **Noncompliance**

RUSH students determined not in compliance with this policy will receive an email directly from Student Health, including their college representative(s), 24 hours or 1 business day after the compliance deadline. The student and college representative(s) will be notified that Student Health will be implementing the University's Influenza Noncompliance Consequence Structure (see the related

	<p><b>document below) student and college representative(s) are notified of a registration hold placed on the student's account, that will be removed upon compliance with the influenza vaccination requirement.</b></p>				
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Related Policies					
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