



## FOH Influenza Vaccine Policy for 2004

Due to the current **nationwide shortage** of flu vaccine, we have revised our "flu shot" policy to comply with federal recommendations. To serve those in greatest need of protection against the flu, **we are only offering the current limited supply of flu vaccine to patients who meet one or more of the "high-risk" criteria listed below:**

### High-risk persons eligible for a flu vaccine

- Persons **65 years of age** or older
- Persons with **chronic lung or heart problems**
- Persons with **diabetes**
- Persons with **kidney failure**
- Persons with a **suppressed immune system** (chronic steroid therapy, cancer, chemotherapy, HIV infection)
- **Pregnant women**
- Persons with a **child at home <6 months** of age
- **Health care workers with direct patient contact**



**Appropriate distribution of the flu vaccine is a national priority.** Please help us adhere to the CDC recommendations. **If you are not in one of the high-risk groups listed above, please defer receiving the vaccine this year.**

In this critical shortage, it is a matter of life or death for our most vulnerable populations. Don't place a child, grandparent or expectant mother in peril requesting a vaccine if you are healthy and under 65 years of age!

*Thank You!*



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# Flu Shot Schedule

*Due to the **nationwide shortage** of flu vaccine the **CDC does not recommend** influenza vaccine for everyone this year. Vaccine is only available for those at most risk for complications and death from the flu (see below). If you are in a high-risk group then we encourage you to come get vaccinated. Otherwise, please forgo the vaccine this year.*

## Influenza vaccination will start on:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_



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- **Pregnant women**
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- **Health care workers with direct patient contact**