

Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Protocol

Policy:

Influenza vaccine is offered to GHS employees, volunteers, and licensed independent practitioners. The supply may vary from season to season and availability of vaccine may necessitate prioritizing delivery of the product as determined by the Medical Director of Employee Health and Wellness.

Procedure:

The Vaccine Immunization Statement (VIS) for the current influenza season will be obtained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and made available to each candidate for the vaccine. Consent is required prior to immunization, and the recipient must be 18 years of age or have parental consent.

Name of Vaccine:

Will be noted on the consent, as the supplier may vary from year to year.

Administration:

1. Use prefilled syringe according to manufacturer's instructions, or
2. If multidose vial is used:
Agitate solution well before withdrawal and use.
Use 0.5cc with a 1"–1.5" 12–25 gauge needle. (Use a longer needle for larger arms.)
Inject IM into right or left deltoid muscle.

Precautions/Contraindications:

- **Review that VIS was read and the subject has no questions or concerns.**
- **Do not administer vaccine to anyone with known egg or egg product allergies. (Ask if they have had a "life-threatening" reaction to a previous vaccine, or vaccine containing the same substances.)**
- Do not administer IV.
- Do not give to an individual with a prior history of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS).
- Ask if the subject has a bleeding disorder, or is on anticoagulant therapy. If benefits outweigh risk, take extra precautions to avoid hematoma formation.
- Vaccine may be postponed in case of febrile or active disease or illness.

As a precautionary measure, epinephrine injection (1:1000) must be immediately available in case of unexpected anaphylactic or serious allergic reactions.

References:

Product information reflects CDC publications.

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