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Louisiana Employer,

Recognizing the central role businesses and employers play in protecting the health and safety of their employees, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) have recommended that employers play an active role in influenza prevention. This recommendation is intended to help employers take actions to decrease influenza spread, maintain business continuity, and secure critical infrastructure.

OSHA recommends that employers prioritize vaccination—an engineering work practice control—because it is a long-term and effective intervention that reduces reliance on employee behavioral changes such as hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. The CDC also recommends that employers: encourage employees to seek vaccination against influenza, offer influenza vaccination opportunities at their worksite or consider allowing employees time off from work to seek vaccination, and negotiate with insurers for coverage of influenza vaccination. Since February of 2010 the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended that all people 6 months of age or older receive annual influenza vaccination, unless contraindicated.

During the 2017-18 influenza season, Louisiana saw record numbers of hospitalizations and deaths. In addition, recent indicators suggest that Louisiana has one of the lowest adult influenza vaccination rates in the country. Combined, these factors suggest that we could all be doing a much better job encouraging adult influenza vaccination.

To assist in connecting employers with on-site influenza vaccination opportunities, the State of Louisiana Immunization Program has compiled a list of providers willing to come to your worksite and offer influenza vaccination. It is not too late to schedule a clinic for this year. Having employees vaccinated reduces sick days for both the employee and family members, but also protects those employees and persons they contact who cannot be vaccinated.

We strongly encourage all employers in Louisiana to offer an on-site vaccination clinic this year to protect your workforce and prevent the spread of influenza!

Worksite Influenza Vaccination Providers

- [CVS Onsite Flu Clinic](#)
- **Passport Health:** Michelle (504) 456-8515
- [Rite Aid Onsite Wellness Clinic](#)
- [Walgreens Onsite Flu Clinic](#)

If you have any questions about influenza or vaccination resources, please contact the Louisiana Office of Public Health Immunization Program at (504) 568-2600.