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## **2011-12 Influenza Prevention & Control Policy**

### **Dear Seton Medical Staff and Mid-Level Providers:**

Seton is committed to providing the safest possible environment of care: safe for our patients and for the professionals who care for them. Seton policies regarding universal immunization against vaccine-preventable disease are a key component of this commitment and vaccination against influenza is the example at hand.

Please see the following table for information  
regarding how to receive or document your influenza immunization status.

Seton will provide influenza immunization free of charge  
to all members of the medical staff and all mid-levels.

All you need is a Seton ID badge.

You may receive your flu shot at any locations listed in the following table (expanded hours of operation in effect until Nov. 14). You can obtain your confirmation ID badge sticker at the time of immunization or by faxing proof of immunization to any of the fax numbers in the table.

Each inpatient nursing unit also has a limited supply of flu vaccine available to administer to medical staff and mid-level providers. Please inquire at the nurses' station regarding availability.

Seton associates and physicians who are members of any Seton NPHO are required to receive influenza vaccination (or provide attestation of valid declination) by **Nov. 15, 2011**. The following flu immunization hours are expanded to accommodate that need and will remain in effect until Nov. 14.

Seton's Infection Prevention Department will monitor influenza activity in our community. **When surveillance data indicate a rise community influenza rates, all Seton associates, medical staff and mid-levels who do not have documentation of current influenza immunization will be required to wear a surgical mask at all times when present in Seton patient care facilities.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. This immunization policy is not just best clinical practice, **it's the law**.

Location	Phone and Fax	Special Flu Immunization Hours
<b>Seton Austin</b> SMC Annex	Ph: 324-1000, ext. 15447 Fax: 406-6546	Weekdays 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
<b>UMC Brackenridge</b> 1400 N. I-35, C2.301 (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, back of med library)	Ph: 324-7690 Fax: 406-6544	Weekdays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
<b>Dell Children's Medical Center</b> Seton Administrative Offices, Suite 102	Ph: 324-5650 Fax: 406-6545	Weekdays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
<b>Seton Northwest</b> Tranquility Room – 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor	Ph: 324-5650 Fax: 406-6546	Wednesdays 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
<b>Seton Southwest</b> Day Surgery – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	Ph: 324-5650 Fax: 406-6546	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 1 – 3 p.m.
<b>Seton Hays</b> HR Office, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	Ph: 324-1000, ext. 45138 Fax: 406-6546	Mondays 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
<b>Seton Williamson</b> HR Office, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, near associate entrance	Ph: 324-1000, ext. 20574 Fax: 406-6547	Wednesdays 1 – 3 p.m.
<b>Seton Highland Lakes</b>	Ph: (512) 756-7511, ext. 228 Fax: (512) 756-8046	Contact Jamie Moran for an appointment <a href="mailto:jemoran@seton.org">jemoran@seton.org</a>
<b>Seton Administrative Offices</b> Seton Administrative Offices, Suite 102	Ph: 324-5650 Fax: 406-6545	Weekdays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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