

Date: November 2, 2022

Memo To: All TMCAH Clinicians

Subject: Flu Vaccine Sign Out for Active TMCAH Caseload:

Your help is needed to keep patients safe through the flu season with a vaccination.

Please be aware that FLU is a serious (potential) public health crisis that we have an opportunity to help avoid.

Anyone wishing to be protected against the flu must receive a shot this year; **EVEN IF HE/SHE RECEIVED A FLU VACCINE LAST YEAR.**

## **PLEASE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE SIGNING OUT VACCINE**

Please access flu vaccine for active caseload patients according to following guidelines:

### **1. Fluarix Quadrivalent is for all ages**

- Please sign out flu vaccine for active caseload patients at the Lawrence office in the Treatment Room.
- Vaccine is available for sign out at the branch offices through your manager.
- Single dose prefilled syringes will be signed out by patient name and medical record number. Each patient must have a doctor's order to receive this vaccine.
- There are packets which contain all supplies necessary to give the injection, including alcohol swabs, band aids, a needle, an administration form and a Vaccine Information Statement. Extra needles are included in the epi kits. Please fill the Vaccine Administration Record for the Fluarix completely as directed. The entire section, "**Information about the person to receive the vaccine**" must be completed, as well as billing information. Complete fields on form that pertain to the actual injection; check the lot number, circle which site the vaccine was given in, fill in the date the vaccine was administered and sign the vaccine.
- Take an Epinephrine Kit for emergency response to anaphylactic reaction; standing orders are in the kit. Epinephrine must be kept at room temperature, so **do not leave in cars overnight**. Even if you are signing out multiple doses, you only need to sign out one epi kit. **If the kit is still taped shut it has not been used and is complete. If it is untaped, please check it for completeness before leaving the building.**
- **Return Epinephrine kit with consent form within 48 hours of signing the kit out.** **The kit should be returned without missing items unless you have filled out an incident report and have had to access materials in the kit.**
- The MIIS is a statewide system that tracks immunization records for individuals and families who are Massachusetts Residents.
- The goal is promote up to date vaccinations and make records available to health care providers.
- All immunizations are entered into the data base; **HOWEVER** individuals may decide to limit who can view this information e.g. only certain health providers.
- To provide this info to patients there are two forms that explain the MIIS system (Fact Sheet) and an "Objection" form that the individual can fill out and send to DPH to limit who can view immunization information.
- Please give these forms to patients with a simple explanation about the MIIS system. Please return the Flu Insurance Form and leave in Treatment when returning the Epinephrine kit.